



# International Women in History





## Princess Diana

(1961-1997) Princess Of Wales

- The People's Princess
- She was a patroness of charities and organizations who worked with the homeless, youth, drug addicts and elderly.
- Worked with AIDS patients in the 1980's. She was not averse to making physical contact with AIDS patients and was the first British royal figure to do so. Holding hands with AIDS patient to de-stigmatise the condition.
- Diana was the patron of HALO Trust, an organization that removed debris, particularly landmines, left behind by war.

# Lucille Ball

(1911-1989) Actress/Comedian

- Started as a model and then moved into radio in 1948 as Liz Cooper in, My Favorite Husband.
- First woman to be the head of a major Hollywood Studio, Desilu Productions.
- Star and producer of I Love Lucy sitcom. Which is still aired today, 64 years later.



A black and white portrait of Jackie Kennedy Onassis. She is shown from the chest up, wearing a dark, ribbed turtleneck sweater. Her hair is styled in a voluminous, dark, wavy bob. She is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a neutral expression. Her right hand is raised, with her fingers resting near her ear. The background is a dimly lit room, possibly a library or study, with bookshelves and a desk visible.

## **Jackie Kennedy Onassis (1929 - 1994) First Lady of the United States**

- Served as the First Lady of the United States from 1961 to 1963, during her husband President John F Kennedy's term in office.
- Her popularity as First Lady was due to her devotion to historical preservation of the White House, her fashion sense, and her devotion to her children, which endeared her to the American public.
- In 1975 became a consulting editor at Viking Press and then moved on to Doubleday where she was an associate editor.
- Jackie participated in cultural and architectural preservation. In 1970's she led a historic preservation campaign to save Grand Central Terminal among many other buildings in New York.

# Madam CJ Walker

(1867-1919) Entrepreneur

- She is recorded as the first female self made millionaire in America in the Guinness Book of World Records.
- Made her fortune by developing a line of cosmetics and hair care products for women of color through a business she founded, Madam C.J. Walker Manufacturing Company. Which is still in business today.
- In 1912 she addressed the annual gathering of the NNBL from the convention floor. The following year she addressed convention goers from the podium as a keynote speaker.
- Her tenacity to give her daughter a better life and education propelled her to be a leader in her community and in joining many organizations, such as the NACWC and NAACP.





## Irena Sendler

(1910-2008) Humanitarian

- She was a humanitarian, social worker and nurse during WWII.
- She served in the Polish Underground Resistance during WWII in German occupied Warsaw.
- During the war she pursued conspiratorial activities, such as smuggling Jewish children out of the Warsaw ghetto and providing them with false identity documents and shelter with willing Polish families.
- The German occupiers suspected Sendler's involvement in the PUR and in 1943 she was arrested by the Gestapo. She was sentenced to death but narrowly escaped on the day of her scheduled execution.

# Maya Angelou

(1928-2014) American Poet

- An American poet, memoirist, and civil rights activist.
- She published seven autobiographies, three books of essays, several books of poetry and is credited with a list of plays, movies and television shows.
- She was active in the civil rights movement and worked with Martin Luther King Jr and Malcom X.
- She was presented with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2011.
- My favorite quote “I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”





## Malala Yousafzai

(1997 - Present) Pakistani Activist

- She is known for her human rights advocacy, especially the education of women and children in her native Pakistan.
- Malala and two other girls were shot by a Pakistani Taliban gunman in an assassination attempt in retaliation for her activism.
- Youngest ever Nobel Prize laureate.
- She completed her secondary school education at Edgbaston high school, Birmingham in the UK from 2013-2017. She won a place at Oxford University and studied there for 3 years to achieve her BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics.



# Jane Goodall

**(1934-Present) Primatologist**

- Considered to be the world's foremost expert on Chimpanzees.
- Best known for her 60-year study of social and family interactions of wild chimpanzees since she first went to Gombe Stream National Park in Tanzania in 1960.
- Founder of the Jane Goodall Institute and the Roots & Shoots program.
- 1994 Goodall founded the Lake Tanganyika Catchment Reforestation and Education to protect the habitat from deforestation by reforesting the hills around Gombe.



# Mother Teresa

(1910 - 1997) Nun

- Honored in the Catholic Church as Saint Teresa of Calcutta.
- In 1950, Teresa founded the Missionaries of Charity, a Roman Catholic religious congregation that had over 4,500 nuns and was active in 133 countries in 2012. They manage homes for people who are dying of HIV/AIDS, Leprosy and tuberculosis.
- 1979 Nobel Peace Prize.
- Teresa said, “By blood, I am Albanian, By Citizenship, an Indian. By Faith a Catholic nun. As to my calling, I belong to the world. As to my heart, I belong entirely to the Heart of Jesus”.