



Rosa Parks (1913 - 2005)

Was a leader in the civil rights movement. She is most famous for refusing to give up her seat on a bus to a white person, an action which started a bus boycott and eventually changed the law!



Elizabeth I (1533 - 1603)

The daughter of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, she was originally not in line to reign. But after her sister Mary I died without children, Elizabeth ended up becoming one of the most famous Queens of England.



Genghis Khan (around 1162 - 1227)

Born Temüjin, his reign saw the Mongols conquer the largest land empire in history. Historians believe that if Genghis didn't die, the Mongols could have conquered all of Europe!

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Cartimandua (Around AD 1 - AD 69)

The fierce queen of the Brigantes tribe of northern England. When her ex-husband Venutius attacked, the Romans offered to get to safety. We don't know what happened to her after that.



Caractacus (Around AD 1 - AD 69)

Was a British chieftain who was sent to Rome and expected to be executed. But while a captive, he made a compelling speech to the Roman Senate and they let him go!



Matthew Hopkins (1620 - 1647)

Titled himself Witchfinder General and was paid to hunt witches. It's thought that he executed over 100 people between 1644 and 1646; whether they were witches or not is less certain!



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