

World Leaders – Who Am I?

❖ The following are descriptions of major figures in world history. Your job is to read each description and write the name of the person it is describing on the line above. A bank of names is provided at the end of this document.

1. I am the Roman emperor who founded the capital city of the Byzantine Empire. I also outlawed the persecution of Christians. Who am I?
2. After the fall of the Berlin Wall, I was the first Chancellor of a unified Germany. Who am I?
3. I was born in Jerusalem. I succeeded Golda Meir as the Prime Minister of Israel. In 1994, I won the Nobel Peace Prize, which I shared with Yasser Arafat and Shimon Peres. I was assassinated by Yigal Amir in Israel. Who am I?
4. I was a Russian. I introduced several socio-economic reforms. I put an end to the Cold War, for which I won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1990. Who am I?
5. I was a slave who lived in Haiti. I led a revolution to remove France from my land. Who am I?
6. I was born in Cairo, Egypt. I am well-known for my efforts to maintain peace between Israel and Palestine. I was the leader of the PLO (Palestinian Liberation Organization), and in 1996, I became the President of the Palestinian Authority. Who am I?
7. I was born in Cuba. I was the President of Cuban Republic. I improved the health facilities and the living conditions of the poor. I also promoted education. In 1961, I declared Cuba as a communist state. Who am I?
8. I was a South African. I worked to put an end to apartheid (racial segregation) in South Africa. Initially, I did this in a non-violent manner, but later I declared war on the Government, and so I was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1964. However, in 1990 President Frederik Willem de Klerk released me, after which I won the first multiracial elections in South Africa and became the President again. Who am I?
9. I was born in New York, United States of America. I was the only President to be elected four times. This even led to a change in the Constitution limiting a President to a maximum term of 10 years. I died in Georgia. Who am I?
10. I was the founder as well as the first President of Republic of Turkey. I overthrew the Ottoman Turks. I also defeated the Greeks. I replaced the Law of Islam with the Swiss Civil Code. I simplified the Turkish script, which helped to increase literacy. Who am I?
11. I was the founder of Islam. Who am I?
12. I was an American. I adopted the policy of 'desegregation' in schools, for allowing the admission of black students. I also passed the 'Interstate Highway Act'. I allotted very low finances for the military. I put an end to the Korean war by signing agreements with Korea and China. I was nicknamed ' Ike '. Who am I?
13. I was born in Lille, France. I was a famous French General. I was the leader of the Free French Forces during World War II. Who am I?
14. I was considered to be the first explorer to circumnavigate the globe even though I died along the way. Who am I?
15. I was a religious leader of South Africa. I worked to put an end to apartheid (racial segregation), for which I won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984. I was the first black Anglican archbishop of Cape Town. I headed the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Who am I?
16. I was an Italian explorer who journeyed to China. I wrote extensively of my travels, exchanging much information between Europe and Asia. Who am I?
17. I was an extremely famous German dictator. I was responsible for the World War II, because I invaded Poland. I believed that the Germans belonged to the superior Aryan race, and were meant to rule the world. I was defeated at the Battle of Stalingrad. Later, I married Eva Braun. Who am I?
18. I was a very famous Italian dictator. I was the founder of fascism. I replaced the parliamentary system with absolute dictatorship. I advocated terrorism. I was defeated in World War II, after which I was captured and killed by anti-fascists. Who am I?
19. I was born in Russia. I was the leader of Soviet Union. I suppressed the Hungarian Revolution. I died in Moscow, Russia. Who am I?
20. I was born in Johannesburg. I succeeded P.W. Botha as the President of South Africa. I played a vital role in putting an end to apartheid in South Africa. I demanded the formulation of a new Constitution, which led to the formation of the first multiracial government in South Africa. Who am I?
21. I was the thirty-fifth President of United States of America. I was the President for exactly a thousand days. I am one of the most popular Presidents. I married Jacqueline Lee Bouvier. 'Profiles in Courage' is my famous piece of literature, for which I won the Pulitzer Prize. Who am I?
22. I was born in Hunan Province, China. I was the founder of People's Republic of China. I led the Communist Party to power after my victory in the Chinese Civil War. I died in Beijing, China. Who am I?
23. I was born in Illinois, United States of America. I was the 40th President. I am most remembered for my "Star Wars" plan and for working to lessen tension between the U.S. and the Soviet Union. Who am I?
24. I led the independence movements in many South American countries like Bolivia, Venezuela, Colombia, Panama, Ecuador and Peru. I created 'Gran Colombia', a country freed from the Spanish, and became its President. I resigned from office when 'Gran Colombia' collapsed in 1828. Who am I?
25. I am known as the first political scientist. The most famous phrase from my work is "the ends justifies the means". Who am I?
26. I was a Chinese explorer who sailed Japan, Africa, and the Middle East. My voyages helped to reinforce Chinese ethnocentrism. Who am I?
27. I was born in Prussia. I was the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Prussia. I was also the first Chancellor of the German empire. I played an extremely vital role in unifying Germany. Who am I?
28. I was a very famous military dictator and Emperor of France. My attempts to conquer Great Britain were thwarted by Admiral Nelson. Who am I?
29. I was an Enlightenment philosopher who believed that all people had unalienable human rights to life, liberty, and property. My ideas were later taken by Thomas Jefferson to write the Declaration of Independence. Who am I?
30. I was a Russian. I played a very vital role in the Russian Revolution. I was succeeded by Joseph Stalin.
31. I was an extremely famous and prominent figure in the Indian freedom struggle. I led the Dandi March in 1930. Later, in 1942, I started the Quit India Movement, for which I was imprisoned for 2 years. I was assassinated by Nathuram Godse, who was a Hindu fanatic angry about my concern for the Muslims. Who am I?
32. I succeeded Vladimir Lenin as the leader of Soviet Union. My famous 'Five-Year Plan' improved the financial condition of the nation. I died of cerebral hemorrhage in Moscow, Russia. Who am I?
33. I was the Emperor of Russia. I played a vital role in the formation of modern Russia. During my reign, Russia fought wars against the Ottoman Turks and then against Charles XII of Sweden, whom I defeated in Pollava in 1709. Who am I?
34. I was the leader of the U.S.S.R. after Nikita Khrushchev. The Cold War continued under my rule. Who am I?
35. I was the King of Macedonia. I defeated King Poms. I died in Babylon. Who am I?
36. I was born in Rome. I was a great Roman general and dictator. I conquered Gaul. I defeated Pompey the Great. The month of 'Quintil' was renamed in my honor. Who am I?

37. I was the leader of Cambodia (1975 – 1979) and ruler of the Khmer Rouge who killed almost 2 million of my own people. Who am I?

38. I was an emperor of the kingdom of Mali in Africa. I made a famous pilgrimage to Mecca. Who am I?

39. I was a great Monarch of England. I succeeded my father as the Duke of Normandy. I also defeated Harold Godwinson, the Earl of Wessex at Battle of Hastings to ascend the throne. Who am I?

40. I was a famous Mongol conqueror. I conquered Persia and invaded India. I am well-known for my victory against the Ottoman Turks. Who am I?

41. I was the King of England. I was the son of King Henry III. I conquered Wales. I was buried at the Westminster Abbey. Who am I?

42. I was born in Spain. I was the King of Spain and Portugal. I married Queen Mary I of England. Who am I?

43. I was the Queen and the last Pharaoh of Egypt. I married Marcus Anthony and committed suicide after he was defeated by Augustus Caesar in the Battle of Actium. Who am I?

44. I was a great Byzantine ruler and empress. I married Justinian I and persuaded him to change the laws so that noblemen were allowed to marry lower-class women like me. I also suppressed the Nika riots of 532 A.D. I died in Constantinople. Who am I?

45. I was the leader who helped liberate Kenya from European imperialism. Who am I?

46. I was born in Prussia. I was the Empress of Russia. I married Tsar Peter III. I defeated the Ottoman Turks and conquered Crimea. I was succeeded by Paul I. I died in Russia. Who am I?

47. I was the Queen of England. I was also last of the Tudors. I succeeded Queen Mary I. I was a famous English Monarch. Who am I?

48. I was born in Greenwich, London. I was the Queen of England. Unlike my father, King Henry VIII, I was a strong Catholic. I was nicknamed 'Bloody Mary'. Who am I?

49. I was a German Monk who sparked the Protestant Reformation. People all over the world still believe in my teachings today. Who am I?

50. I defeated Marc Antony to become the first emperor of the Roman Empire. I began the Pax Romana.

51. I was a Chinese nationalist leader who fought to end foreign domination. I, and my nationalists, were forced to flee China under Mao's communist rule. Who am I?

52. I was born in the province of Lorraine in France. I helped to lead French troops to victory over England in the Hundred Years War. Who am I?

53. I was a Spanish conquistador who led the domination of the Inca. Who am I?

54. I am most famous for co-writing *The Communist Manifesto*, where my ideas about this economic system were formalized. Who am I?

55. I succeeded Mao Zedong as leader of China. I instituted the Four Modernizations to update my country. Who am I?

56. I was the Enlightenment thinker who wrote about the separation of powers in government. I helped to inspire the ideas stated in the U.S. Constitution. Who am I?

57. Also known as "Buddha", I was the founder of Buddhism. Who am I?

58. I was the leader of a revolution in England which overthrew the Stuart kings. I helped to rule an English republic until my death. Who am I?

59. I was the czar of Russia until the Russian Revolution of 1917. I, and my entire family, were executed because of this revolution. Who am I?

60. I was an explorer who sailed around Africa to India in 1498. Who am I?

61. I was a Renaissance artist who is famous for painting the Mona Lisa and the Last Supper. Who am I?

62. I challenged the Roman Catholic Church by stating the Earth revolves around the sun. Who am I?

63. I was an emperor of Japan who helped to modernize the country. Who am I?

64. I united a violent nomadic group called the Mongols. I was the greatest leader of the Mongol Empire.

65. I was the emperor of Japan throughout World War II.

66. I was an English writer who created the term the "White Man's Burden". Who am I?

67. I was the leader of Vietnam who removed the French from my country. My ultimate goal was realized when Vietnam became a Communist nation. Who am I?

68. I was an absolute monarch from France. I am still known as the most beloved king of my country.

69. I was an absolute monarch in France during the French Revolution. My wife, Marie Antoinette, and I were both executed by the people.

70. I was the dictator of Iran from 1941 to 1979. I was friendly with the United States and opposed communism during the Cold War. I was overthrown by my own people in the Iranian Revolution. Who am I?

71. I was the French writer of *The Social Contract*. I believed that government should be run according to the "general will" of the people (majority rules).

72. I was an economist who wrote *The Wealth of Nations*. This book described my theory of free trade or laissez-faire (hands off) economics. Who am I?

73. I was an Enlightenment philosophe who believed in freedom of speech. Who am I?

74. I was the president of Russia after Gorbachev until 1999. I helped to keep the Communist Party out of power. Who am I?

Leader Bank

Adolf Hitler
Alexander the Great
Augustus Caesar
Baron de Montesquieu
Benito Mussolini
Elizabeth I
F.W. de Klerk
Ferdinand Magellan
Charles de Gaulle
Cleopatra
Constantine

Deng Xiaoping
Desmond Tutu
Dwight Eisenhower
Edward I
Elizabeth I
F.W. de Klerk
Ferdinand Magellan
Fidel Castro
Franklin Roosevelt

Genghis Khan
Helmut Kohl
Hirohito
Ho Chi Minh
Joan of Arc
John F. Kennedy
John Locke
Joseph Stalin
Julius Caesar

Karl Marx
Kemal Ataturk
Leonid Brezhnev
Louis XIV
Louis XVI
Mansa Musa
Mao Zedong
Martin Luther
Mary I

Mikhail Gorbachev
Mohandas Gandhi
Napoleon Bonaparte
Neelson Mandela
Niccolo Machiavelli
Nicholas II
Nicolaus Copernicus
Nikita Khrushchev
Oliver Cromwell

Otto von Bismarck
Peter the Great (I)
Phillip II
Ronald Reagan
Rudyard Kipling
Siddhartha Gautama
Simon Bolivar
Theodora
Timur the Lame

Toussaint L'Ouverture
Vasco da Gama
Vladimir Lenin
William I
Yasser Arafat
Yitzhak Rabin
Marco Polo
Meiji
Mohammed

Shah Reza Pahlavi
Francisco Pizarro
Pol Pot
Jean Jacques Rousseau
Adam Smith
Sun Yat-sen
Voltaire
Zheng He
Boris Yeltsin

Leonardo Da Vinci
Jomo Kenyatta