

Time line				
Name	Lifetime	Best Known For	Year	Notes/Facts
James Cook	1728-1779	First European to land on the Hawaiian Islands	1778	Cook was killed when he later tried to kidnap the King of Hawai'i
James Madison	1751-1836	Father of the U.S. Constitution	1787	He was considered the "Father of the Constitution" even during his lifetime.
Napoleon Bonaparte	1769-1821	Becoming the first ruler of France after the French Revolution	1804	He was listed as being 5'2", but that was in the French unit of measure - which was slightly smaller than the English unit.
Stephen F. Austin	1793-1836	He brought the first Anglo settlers to Texas	1824	The first legal land grants were issued at this time
Sam Houston	1793-1863	First President of the Republic of Texas	1836	
Harriet Tubman	1822-1913	Escaped from slavery	1849	She served as a spy and scout for the Union during the Civil War, and was an activist for women's suffrage
Madame C.J. Walker	1867-1919	She started the Madam C.J. Walker Manufacturing Company	1910	She was considered the wealthiest African American businesswoman at the time of her death. She was valued at \$600,000 when she died (\$8.8 million in 2019)
Marie Skłodowska Curie	1867-1934	Only person to have won two Nobel Prizes	1911	This was the year of her second Nobel Prize - the one awarded to her alone
Alice Paul	1885-1977	Helped organize the campaigns that led to women gaining the right to vote	1920	Alice Paul and Lucy Burns took up the fight that had been started by Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton almost 72 years before
Bessie Coleman	1892-1926	First woman of African American (and Native American) descent to have a pilot's license	1921	
Garrett Morgan	1877-1963	Invented the improved traffic signal (he is responsible for the yellow light)	1923	He invented many things during his lifetime, including a hair straightening product, a breathing device and an improved sewing machine
Miriam A. Ferguson	1875-1961	First female governor of Texas	1925	Her husband lost his illegal bid for re-election, when William Hobby gave women the right to vote in election primaries
Chester W. Nimitz	1885-1966	Selected as the commander-in-chief, United States Pacific Fleet in World War II	1941	He was the leading US Navy authority on submarines
Rosa Parks	1913-2005	Refused to give up her seat, and started the Montgomery Bus Boycott	1955	Claudette Colvin was arrested for the same thing in March 1955 but wasn't considered sympathetic enough
Ellen Ochoa	1958-	First Hispanic woman in space	1993	