Khawlah bint al-azwar

Khawlah bint al-Azwar was a Muslim woman from Saudi Arabia. She was an Arab warrior and one of the greatest military leaders, during prophet Muhammad’s lifetime.

Germaine Greer

Germaine Greer is an influential global writer from Australia. She is well-known for her feminist’s writings such as the book The Female Eunuch, in 1970.

Funmilayo Ransome-Kuti

Funmilayo Ransome-Kuti was a Nigerian women’s rights activist and the first woman to drive a car, in Nigeria. She was also the mother of the revolutionary musician, Fela Kuti.

Margaret Hamilton

Margaret Hamilton is a software engineer and computer scientist from America. She is known for her role in developing on-board flight software for NASA’s Apollo program.

Frida Kahlo

Frida Kahlo was one of the greatest painters from Mexico. After experiencing a bus accident, she was a famous painter, especially for her portraits and self-portraits.

Yayoi Kusama

Yayoi Kusama is a famous Japanese contemporary artist, who has created paintings, sculptures and drawings. Due to her art style, she is sometimes referred to as the “Princess of Polka Dots”.

Malala Yousafzai

Malala Yousafzai is a strong activist for female education, from Pakistan. Her advocacy has gained global attention and she is also the youngest person to win a Nobel Prize.

Marie Curie

Marie Curie was a Polish physicist and chemist. She developed mobile radiography, and was the first person and only woman to win the Nobel Prize twice.

Wangari Maathai

Wangari Maathai was a Kenyan environmentalist and the first African woman to win a Nobel Prize. She was also the founder of the Greenbelt Movement.

Novlene Williams-Mills

Novlene Williams-Mills is a track and field athlete from Jamaica. She is a three-time bronze Olympic medallist, whilst being a cancer survivor, she promotes body positivity.

Eva Peron

Eva Peron was the First Lady of Argentina from 1946 – 1952, her iconic outfits changed the face of politics within the country. She is remembered for her activism fighting for women’s suffrage and those struggling in poverty, she would literally give away the clothes off her back, not to mention houses to those who were in need.

Kenojuak Ashevak

Kenojuak Ashevak was a Canadian graphic artist, and was a pioneer of modern Inuit art. She has created some of the most iconic images in Canadian art.

Maria Ressa

Maria Ressa is an award-winning journalist and an investigative reporter from the Philippines. She is also the co-founder of the social news network – Rappler.

Angela Merkel

Angela Merkel is the Chancellor of Germany. She is often described as the de facto leader of the European Union and the most powerful woman in the world.

Miriam Makeba

Miriam Makeba was a South African singer, actress and a notable anti-apartheid activist. She was one of the world’s most prominent black African performers in the 20th century.

Dhammananda Bhikkhuni

Dhammananda Bhikkhuni is Thailand’s first female monk and is the head of an all-female Buddhist monastery. She is also a writer, reformer and social activists.

Mother Teresa

Mother Teresa was an Albanian-Indian Roman Catholic nun. She looked after abandoned babies and helped the poor. She was proclaimed a saint.

Maryam Mirzakhani

Maryam Mirzakhani was a mathematician and professor, from Iran. She was a professor at Stanford University, and was the first woman to win the Fields medal.

Madam CJ Walker

Madam C. J. Walker was an American entrepreneur. She invented the world’s first hair-straightening formula, and was the first female self—made millionaire in the United States.

Queen Nefertiti

Queen Nefertiti was an Eqyptian Queen and ruler. She was known for a religious revolution, as she played a prominent role in the cult of the sun god.

Florence Nightingale

Florence Nightingale was a British statistician and nurse, during the Crimean War. She is notable for being a social reformer, as she rose the standards in nursing.

Rani Lakshmibai

Rani Lakshmibai was an Indian Queen and ruler of a kingdom called Jhansi. She was also a major army leader in the Indian Rebellion of 1857.

Ti Ying

Ti Ying was a lady from China who rose up against the Emperor Wen of Han to abolish the “Five Punishments”. She was the first woman to write about ethics and justice.

Halet Cambel

Halet Cambel was an archaeologist and an Olympic fencer, from Turkey. She was also the first Muslim woman to compete in the Olympic Games.

Josefa Sacko

Josefa Sacko is the African Union commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, from Angola. She is one of the top 100 most influential people in climate politics.

Sanna Marin

Sanna Marin is the Prime Minister of Finland and the youngest Prime Minister in the world, and the youngest female state leader.

Nilda Callanaupa Alvarez

Nilda Callanaupa Alvarez was an Indigenous textile weaver, from Peru. She is also the founder of the Center for Traditional Textiles of Cusco.

Dame Whina Cooper

Dame Whina Cooper was a strong activist for Maori Land rights and living conditions, from New Zealand. She was a teacher and the first president of the Maori Women’s Welfare League.

Rigoberta Menchu Tum

Rigoberta Menchu Tum is a Guatemalan Human Rights activist against the Civil War crimes. She was also an advocate for Indigenous farmers and she won a Nobel Peace Prize.

Iya Nasso

Iya Nasso was the co-founder of the first temple for Afro-Brazilian spiritual tradition of Candomblé, in Brazil. Although she lived in Brazil, her origins were from Nigeria, West Africa.

Bonita Sharma

Bonita Sharma is the CEO of Social Changemakers & Innovators, from Nepal. She advocates for women empowerment, maternal health and children’s health.

Leyla Hussein

Leyla Hussein is an anti-FGM social activist, with origins from Somalia. She is also the founder of the Dahlia project and one of the co-founders of the Daughters of Eve.

Alicia Alonso

Alicia Alonso was a famous Cuban dancer. She was partially blind, but known as an amazing ballerina for her portrayals of Giselle and Carmen.

**Ragnhild Mowinckel**

**Ragnhild Mowinckel is Alpine ski racer, from Norway. She won the Junior World Championship at the age of 19.**