



KÖRKEM TAMYR

KAZAKH HISTORY FROM A TO Z

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To my Grandpa,
who taught me the value
of a good story and
fun ways of learning,
—Tómi



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comprehensive picture of Kazakh History as we were only
able to include 34 figures and constrained to the
letters of the alphabet. To learn more visit
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Abai Kunanbayev

(1845 - 1904)

A : Abai - was a poet and thinker who taught Kazakhs to seek wisdom and live with kindness. His writings became the soul of Kazakh literature.



Bibigul Tulegenova

(1929)

B: Bibigul - was the first Kazakh woman named People's Artist of the USSR. Her soprano voice brought Kazakh songs to opera stages worldwide.



Shafik Chokin

(1912 - 2003)

C : Chokin - was an energy scientist who designed hydroelectric stations. He inspired many young engineers with his work.



Dinmukhamed Kunayev

(1912 - 1993)

D : Kunayev led Kazakhstan for decades, opening schools and factories. People admired him for his honesty and love for knowledge.



Erkegali Rakhmadiyev

(1932 - 2013)

E: Erkegali - wrote operas and symphonies that shaped Kazakh classical music. He composed the opera Alpamys and earned global acclaim.



Fariza Ongarsynova

(1939 - 2014)

F : Fariza wrote poems about love, language, and justice. She inspired children to treasure Kazakh culture and words.



Gennady Golovkin

(1982)

G : Gennady, known as GGG, became a world boxing champion. He showed how strength and discipline bring honor to Kazakhstan.



Haqnazar Khan

(1509 - 1580)

H : Haqnazar united Kazakh tribes and defended the steppe. He strengthened the state and is remembered as a wise ruler.



Imanbek Zeikenov

(2000)

I : Imanbek won a Grammy for his remix of " Roses". He proved a small-town Kazakh could reach the world through music.



Janibek Khan

(1428 - 1480)

J: Janibek helped found the Kazakh Khanate with Kerry Khan. Their journey began Kazakh statehood.



Kabanbay Batyr

(1691 - 1770)

K : Kabanbay was a warrior who led against the Dzungars. He united Kazakh forces and became a symbol of bravery.



Latif Khamidi

(1906 - 1983)

L : Latif arranged Kazakh folk music into classical works. He co-wrote Kazakhstan's first anthem and helped build its music identity.



Manshuk Mametova

(1922 - 1943)

M : Manshuk fought as a machine gunner in WWII and gave her life defending her country. She was the first Kazakh woman awarded Hero of the Soviet Union.



Nurgisa Tlendiyev

(1925 - 1998)

N : Nurgisa was a composer and dombra master who founded the Otyrar Suzy orchestra. His music speaks to the spirit of Kazakh people.



Olzhas Batyr

(1709 - 1778)

O : Olzhas was a military leader who fought invaders and protected Kazakh lands. His courage is still honored in poems and place names.



Pavel Marikovsky

(1912 - 2008)

P : Pavel was a zoologist and children's science writer. He explored insects in Kazakhstan and helped people love nature.



Dimash Qudaibergen

(1994)

Q : Dimash is a singer with a rare voice and global frame. He represents Kazakh music on es with pride.



Rakhimzhan Koshkarbayev

(1924 - 1988)

R : Rakhimzhan was the first Kazakh to raise the victory Flag over the Reichstag. His bravery in WWII made him a national hero.



Saken Seifullin

(1894 - 1939)

S : Saken wrote the first Kazakh-language novel and poems. He stood for freedom and national identity during hard times.



Toktar Aubakirov

(1946)

T : Toktar was the first Kazakh in space. He proved that courage and talent could launch dreams into the stars.



Uki Azhiyev

(1924 - 2015)

U: Uki was a watercolor painter who captured Kazakh life and nature. His works are shown in major museums around the world.



Vladimir Smirnov

(1964 - 2023)

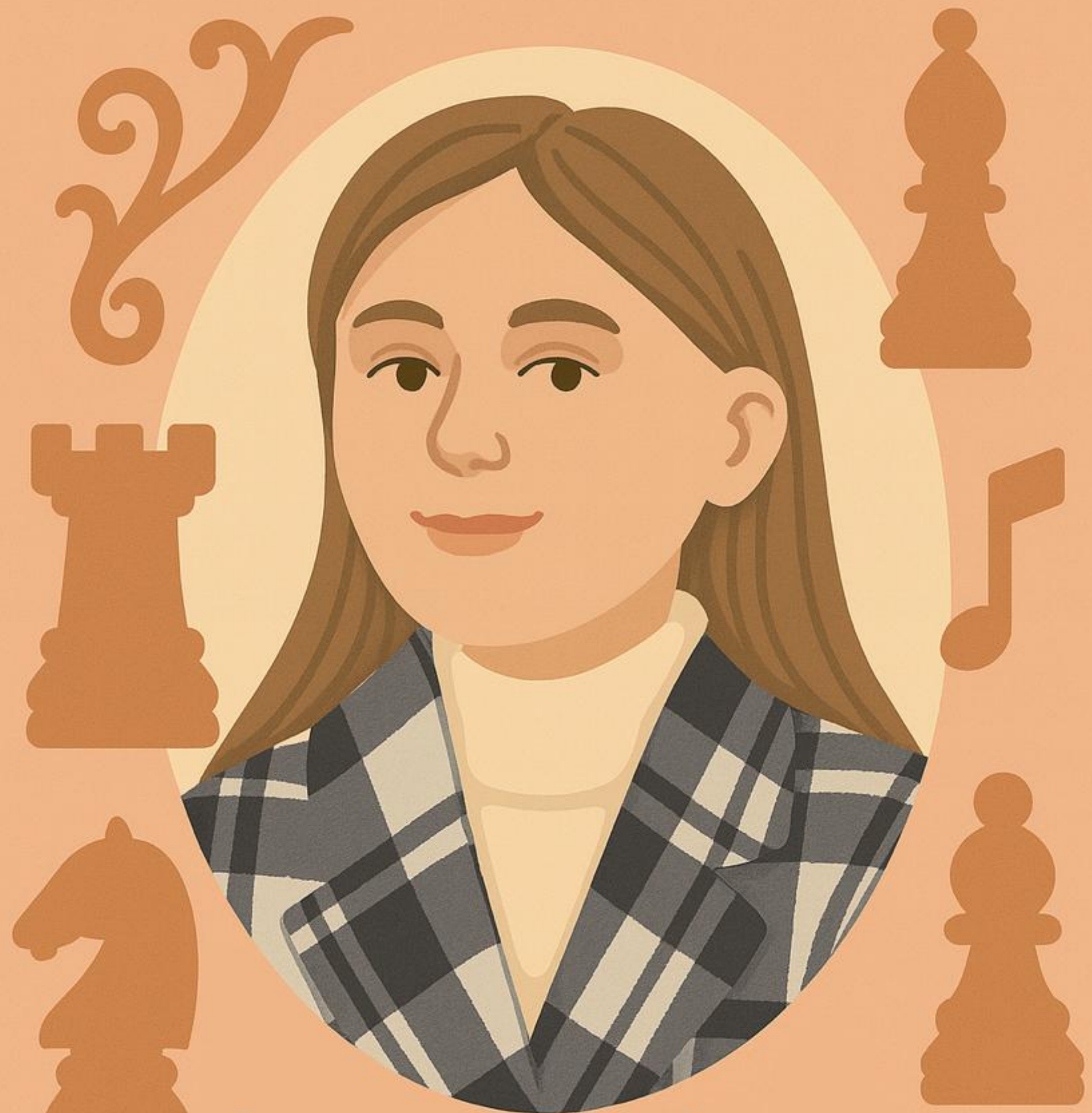
V : Vladimir won Olympic medals in skiing and brought pride to Kazakhstan. He showed that hard work leads to great success.



Shoqan Walikhanov

(1835 - 1865)

W : Shoqan was a scholar and explorer who studied Kazakh life and history. His books helped preserve culture and inform the world.



Xeniya Balabayeva

(2005)

X : Xeniya is a chess Grandmaster who won the Women's World Blitz in 2024. She proves that focus and brilliance know no age.



Ybyray Altynsarin

(1841 - 1889)

Y : Ybyray opened the first schools for Kazakh children and wrote the first textbook. He believed all kids, including girls, deserved to learn.



Zhumeken Nazhymedenov

(1935 - 1983)

Z : Zhumeken wrote the lyrics to Kazakhstan's national anthem. His poems and books taught pride and love for Kazakh heritage.



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