Robert Mueller:

Robert Mueller is the former special counsel for the Department of Justice and the former Director of the FBI. He is a veteran of the Marine Corps and the longest serving FBI director since J. Edgar Hoover. Mueller is relevant in 2019 because he lead the investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election. He released his finding in a report on April 18, 2019.

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Emilia Clarke:

Emilia Clarke is an actress most well known for her role as Daenerys in the HBO series Game of Thrones. She has also starred in films such as, Solo: A Star Wars Story and Terminator Genisys. She is relevant in 2019 due the final season of Game of Thrones airing its final season earlier this year. 17.4 million viewers tuned in the for the first episode of season 8 breaking an all time record for the show.

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Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez:

Alexandria Cortez is a member of the house of representatives for New York’s 14th congressional district. Cortez is a leading voice on a number of social issues such as healthcare and immigration. She was recently named one of Time magazine’s top 100 most influential people of 2019.

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Bob Iger:

Robert Iger is chairman and CEO of The Walt Disney Company. In 2005 he took over the position after a season of shortcomings for Disney at the box office. Upon his successful acquisitions of Pixar, Marvel, Lucasfilm, and 21st Century Fox Disney saw over 400% increase in profit. In 2019 he earned the studio over 8 billion in movie ticket sales more than any other studio ever before.

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Lil-nas-x:

Lil-nas-x is a singer and songwriter most famous for his number one song, Old Town Road. The song has earned the title of the longest-running number one song in history spending 19 weeks in the top spot on the billboard top 100. The remix featured country legend Billy Ray Cyrus adding authenticity to the song after some ridiculed its classification as country.

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Naomi Osaka:

Naomi Osaka is the number one tennis player in the world. She recently defeated Coco Gauff, a 15 year old tennis superstar from the US, and allowed her to share in a highly publicized post game interview. She is considered an icon for women of color in 2019.

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Brett Kavanaugh:

Brett Kavanaugh was nominated to be a supreme court justice however his confirmation was delayed by a sexual assault allegation by Christine Blasey Ford in 2018. He was confirmed to the US Supreme Court on October 6th, 2018 with a 50-48 vote. Kavanaugh is at the helm of many important cases in 2019 such as one deciding whether the department of Veteran Affairs and other agencies have become to powerful in interpreting their own regulations where there is ambiguity.

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Mahershala Ali:

Ali is an actor and producer. He has worked in film, television, and theater with major successes like House of Cards and Marvel’s Luke Cage. In 2019 it was announced that Marvel has casted Ali to star in a rebooted Blade franchise premiering in Marvel’s Phase 4 of the MCU.

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Xi Jinping:

Jinping is the former General Secretary of the Communist Party and current president of China. In March 2018 he was involved in passing an amendment abolishing term limits and allowing him to continue to serve beyond 2023 when his term was supposed to have ended. As leader of China in 2019 he has the responsibility of negotiating current trade disputes with the U.S. as well as settling civil unrest in Hong Kong.

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Megan Rapinoe:

Rapinoe is a midfielder on the USA soccer team that led her team to victory at the women’s world cup in France. Rapinoe is a Two time Olympic gold medalist and is known as an vocal opponent of President Trump and advocate for equal pay and LGBTQ rights.

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