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### **ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL**

1847-1922

#### LEGACY LIST

- · Born in Edinburgh, Scotland
- Inventor, scientist, engineer
- Mother and wife were both deaf
- Research focused on hearing and speech
- Invented first practical telephone, for which he was granted a patent
- 2<sup>nd</sup> president of the National Geographics Society
- Also known for his research in heredity and genetics
- Refused to have a telephone in his office

### **ARTHUR ASHE**

1943-1993

#### **LEGACY LIST**

- Born in Richmond, VA
- Tennis player, civil rights activist, health activist
- Direct descendant of Amar, West African woman enslaved and brought to America in 1735
- Only black man to win three Grand Slam Titles (Wimbledon, US Open, Australian Open)
- First black player serving on the U.S. Davis Cup team
- Advocate for cardiac health and national campaign chair for the American Heart Association
- Early advocate for HIV/AIDS education after contracting HIV from a blood transfusion during cardiac bypass surgery
- Founded the Arthur Ashe Foundation for the Defeat of AIDS
- Active leader in civil rights of black persons in South Africa and Haitian refugees
- Awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1993 months after his death

## **HEDY LAMARR**

1914-2000

#### **LEGACY LIST**

- Born in Vienna, Austria
- Actress, inventor
- Began her acting career in Austrian, German and Czech films
- Contracted to MGM where she was promoted as the "world's most beautiful woman"
- Co-founded a new production studio out of concerns about typecasting
- Best known for playing Delilah in Cecil B. DeMille's Samson and Delilah
- Awarded a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in 1960
- During World War II co-invented radio guidance system using frequency-hopping spread spectrum technology, used today in Bluetooth technology
- Helped Howard Hughes improve aircraft aerodynamics
- Inducted to the National Inventors Hall of Fame in 2014

### MARIA TALLCHIEF

1925-2013

#### **LEGACY LIST**

- Born in Fairfax, Oklahoma
- Ballerina, Native American activist
- Member of the Osage Nation
- America's first "prima ballerina" as well as first Native American ballerina to hold that rank
- Known for dazzling audiences with her great technical skill and passionate energy
- Danced with the Ballet Russe do Monte Carlo, New York City Ballet, Bolshoi Ballet among others
- Famed for her roles in *The Nutcracker Suite* and *The Firebird*
- Director of the Indian Council Fire Achievement Award, active with the America for Indian Opportunity
- Member of the National Women's Hall of Fame
- Awarded Kennedy Center Honor for lifetime achievements in 1996

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### SHIRLEY TEMPLE BLACK

1928-2014

#### LEGACY LIST

- · Born in Santa Monica, CA
- American child actress, singer, dancer and diplomat
- Began her film career when she was just 3 years old
- Appeared in 29 films between the ages of 3 to 10
- Film hits included Bright Eyes, Heidi, Curly Top
- Represented the United States as ambassador to Ghana, Czechoslovakia, and the United Nations
- Served as Chief of Protocol for the United States
- Awarded the Screen Actors Guild Life Achievement Award and the Kennedy Center Honors for lifetime achievements

### **TEDDY ROOSEVELT**

1858-1919

#### **LEGACY LIST**

- Born in New York City
- 26<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, conservationist, historian, writer
- Served as Governor of New York, Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Vice-President of the U.S.
- During the Spanish-American War led the 1st United States Volunteer Cavalry, or "Rough Riders"
- Became president in 1901 after McKinley's assassination, youngest president on record (42 yrs old)
- Leader of progressive movement who advocated for fairness, the end of monopolies, and regulation
- Championed conservation, established the U.S.
  Forest Service, several national parks, forests and monuments
- Popular writer of books including *The Naval War of* 1812 and *The Winning of the West*
- Awarded 1906 Nobel Prize for brokering the end of the Russo-Japanese War
- The toy "teddy bear" was invented in his honor after his refusal to shoot a captured bear

# **RUTH BADER GINSBURG**

1933-2020

#### **LEGACY LIST**

- Born in Brooklyn, New York
- Lawyer, professor, gender equality activist, jurist and associate justice of the Supreme Court
- Worked at the Social Security Administration in Oklahoma where she was demoted when she became pregnant with her first child
- First woman to serve on law review at both Harvard and Columbia Law Schools
- Learned Swedish to co-author a book on Swedish civil procedure law
- Co-founder of the Women's Rights Project at the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and the first U.S. law journal to focus exclusively on women's rights
- Appointed to the Supreme Court by President Bill Clinton in 1993
- First Jewish woman and second woman to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court
- Nicknamed "The Notorious RBG"
- Lover of opera who appeared in non-speaking roles in several performances

### MAHATMA GANDHI

1869-1948

#### LEGACY LIST

- Born in the state of Gujarat, India
- Lawyer, civil rights activist, nonviolent resistance leader, "father" of the nation of India
- Led campaign for end of British rule, leading to Indian independence in 1947
- Studied law at the Inner Temple in London
- Lived in South Africa for 21 years before moving back to India
- Became head of the Indian National Congress in 1921 where he led campaigns to reduce poverty, expand women's rights, end "untouchability" and promote religious tolerance
- · Assassinated in 1948 but a Hindi nationalist
- Known by the endearment "Bapu" meaning father or papa
- His birthday (Oct.. 2nd) is commemorated worldwide as "International Day of Nonviolence"