Movers and Shakers

Dawson's model

A person is historically significant if their actions match most of these statements:

- They made big changes in their lifetime.
- They made a lot of people's lives better or worse.
- They changed the way people think.
- Their ideas are still used today.
- They were a very good or very bad role model.

Categories of significant people

Significant people can be sorted into groups by what they did.

- An **activist** is a person who feels strongly about helping people, other living things or the planet. They protest to make changes happen.
- An **explorer** is a person who travels to places to find out what is there.
- A scientist is a person who discovers or invents new things.
- An artist is a person who creates works of art, including pieces of music, plays, poems, paintings, dances or sculptures.
- A **monarch** is a king or queen who rules a kingdom.

Examples of significant people

There have been many significant people throughout history. These are some examples.



Mary Anning studied fossils and shared her knowledge.



Paul Cézanne helped to create a new style of art called Cubism.



Emmeline Pankhurst stood up for women's rights.



Neil Armstrong was the first person to walk on the Moon.



Henry VIII was the king who formed the Church of England.



Rosa Parks wanted black people to have the same rights as white people.



Joseph Lister found out that dirty conditions in hospitals caused infections.



Christopher Columbus was the first European person to discover the Americas.



Vincent van Gogh created a new style of painting.

1492 1534 Christopher Henry VIII formed Columbus discovered the Church of England. the Americas.

Significant people of today

Significant people are still making big changes in the world today.



Malala Yousafzai campaigns for girls to have the right to go to school.



Elon Musk is trying to make a rocket to go to Mars.



Greta Thunberg campaigns to stop climate change.



JK Rowling wrote the Harry Potter books.

Memorials

1928

Women over 21

were given the

right to vote.

A memorial is made to remind people of a significant person or event. Memorials can include statues, monuments, plaques and stamps.



Statue of Emmeline Pankhurst



1969

Neil Armstrong was

the first man to

walk on the Moon.

Monument to Captain James Cook



Plaque for Mary Anning



Stamp of Mahatma Gandhi

Time words

There are many useful words that help us talk about time.

A year is 365 days.

A decade is 10 years.

A century is 100 years.

Glossary

discover	To see or find something before anyone else.
invent	To design or make something that has never been made before.
monument	A structure built to remember an event or person.

plaque	A flat piece of metal or stone with
	writing on it.

protest	An event where people come
	together to show that they are
	unhappy about something.

significant	Something that is important.

An object usually made from stone
or metal to look like a person.

statue