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“People who changed the world”

Scientists, Explorers, Writers,
Historical Figures and Sports Heroes

*“[...] and most important, have
the courage to follow your heart
and intuition.”*

“Stay hungry, stay foolish”

Steve Jobs
Stanford University
June 12th 2005

PREFAZIONE

“Stay hungry, stay foolish”

Noi ragazzi della classe 3D e 3E vogliamo essere così: sempre curiosi di capire, affamati di conoscenza, vogliamo perseguire i nostri sogni e i nostri obiettivi anche a costo di sembrare un po' folli e non convenzionali!

Abbiamo tutti un modello a cui facciamo riferimento, una persona che stimiamo e dalla quale cerchiamo di trarre insegnamento...

Il libro tratta di un raccolta, naturalmente parziale, di brevi biografie, riguardanti le persone che, almeno secondo la nostra opinione, hanno fatto la differenza per il mondo, che lo hanno cambiato dando contributi al progresso e alla conoscenza in campi diversi con una scoperta, con il loro intuito, nel perseguire ideali e il benessere di tutti gli uomini o nel dare esempi di rettitudine.

La nostra esperienza inizia quando, studiando Inglese, abbiamo letto la storia di alcuni personaggi famosi e abbiamo pensato che sarebbe stato bello conoscerne delle altre: ognuno di noi si è messo alla ricerca seguendo i propri interessi; la nostra insegnante, la professoressa Daniela Di Sandro, ci ha aiutato, ci ha seguito costantemente e ci ha proposto una scaletta di domande a cui trovare risposta: Who? When? Where? What? Why? Questo ci ha aiutato a sfoltire le tantissime informazioni trovate.

La raccolta, come facilmente intuibile dal titolo, è totalmente scritta in Inglese e ciò non ha fatto che alimentare le difficoltà.

Ma proprio perché spinti dalla curiosità, abbiamo voluto creare pian piano la nostra raccolta, stimolata da tante domande curiose, conoscendo così la vita e l'opera di personaggi famosi.

In conclusione, vorremmo ringraziare tutti coloro che leggeranno questo libro regalandoci la loro attenzione.

BUONA LETTURA!

Gli studenti della 3D e 3E

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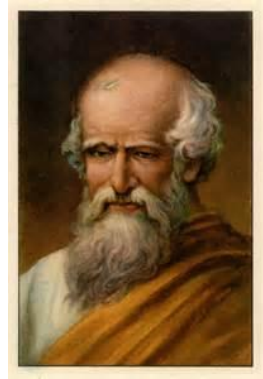
Elvis Presley

John Lennon

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Archimedes

"Give me a place to stand and I will move the world"



Archimedes was born in 287 B.C. in Syracuse in Italy. He was a mathematician, an engineer, an inventor. Archimedes anticipated the modern calculus, applying methods theorems including the geometric area of a circle, and the volume of a sphere. He was the first to apply the principle of levers. We do not know if it has never been married and if he had children. Archimedes studied in Alexandria and became friends with many inventors. He Died in 212 B.C.

Some historical sources say that Archimedes invented and used, during the siege of Syracuse, burning mirrors to direct the sun's rays at a fixed set fire to the Roman ships. I like him because he changed the world.

Giulia Urbani 3D

Marco Polo

Marco Polo was born in 1254 in Venice.

In 1271, he travelled to China as a teenager with his father and his uncle and spent 17 years there.

Later, he travelled to Sumatra, Sri Lanka, India and Persia.

In 1295, he returned to Venice after 25 years. He became a prisoner after a battle between Venice and Genoa.

When he was in prison, he wrote "The Travels of Marco Polo" (Il Milione). He told Europeans about the new things he saw in China, like paper money, printing and the compass. He married in 1300. He died in 1324. I like him because he travelled and learnt about new different people and cultures.

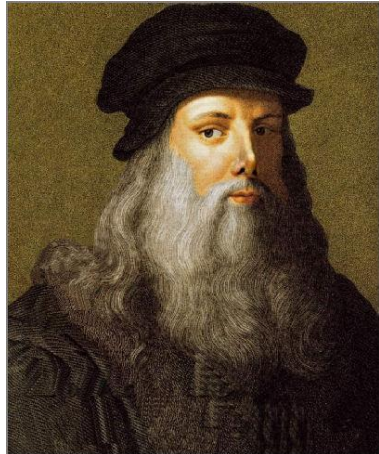


Camilla Fadda 3D

Leonardo da Vinci

*Such as iron rusts into disuse,
so inaction mulls intellect.*

*We like Leonardo Da Vinci
because he is very important
in the history of our country
and for the human
development.*



Leonardo da Vinci was born in 1452 in the small town of Vinci, near Florence. He was a famous painter and also a sculptor, architect, engineer and scientist.

He was one of the most important character of his era.

Da Vinci was very important in the field of Art, he studied the anatomy of the man and the woman, and his studies applied them in their works.

He painted a lot of famous and beautiful paintings like “the Gioconda”, “the Cenacolo” “the Annunciazione”, “the Mona Lisa”, but other works of art, too.

Leonardo Da Vinci was very fond of writing, too; in fact he wrote some codes explaining the techniques to paint a picture with much reality.

In the field of architecture, he contributed in the construction of some ports and palaces for aristocrats. He worked for Kings and rich people.

He invented a lot of machines, including a flying machine and a calculator. Some of his inventions are the basis of technology used today.

Initially, he lived in Florence, but he travelled in Italy and France, in the court of King Francesco I.

He died in Cloux (France) in 1519.

Sofia Proietti -Clàudia Colonna, 3D



Cristoforo Colombo

Cristopher Columbus was born in Genoa in Italy in 1451. He was a sailor and an explorer. He believed the world was not flat and that the short route to Asia was to go west. In 1492, King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain gave him money for his journey across the Atlantic Ocean. Columbus and his sailors travelled in three ships: the Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Maria. After two months, they finally arrived on an island in the Caribbean. He returned to Spain a hero. He brought back gold and new plant and animals from the New World. He died in 1506.

I like him because he discovered America and it was very important for Europe.

Alessandro Centrone 3D



Amerigo Vespucci

Amerigo Vespucci was a navigator, an explorer and an Italian cartographer. He was born on March 9th, 1454 in Florence and he died of malaria on February 22nd, 1512 in Seville, Spain.

In 1497, he embarked on his first voyage; on his third and most successful voyage, he discovered present-day Rio de Janeiro and Rio de la Plata.

Vespucci was the first person to recognize North and South America as distinct continents, unknown to Europeans. Before Vespucci's discovery, explorers, also C. Columbus had thought that the New World was part of Asia. In 1507, America was named after him. I like him because his discoveries changed the world.

Alessandro De Santis 3E

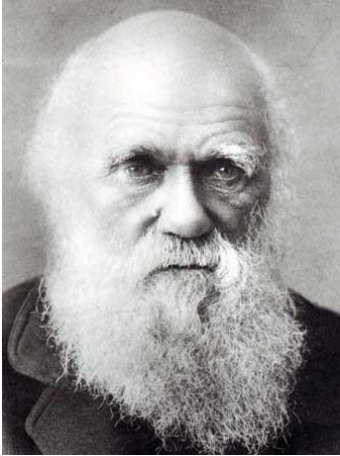
Galileo Galilei

Galileo was born in Pisa, Italy, in 1564. He is considered the father of modern science. He was very talented and studied Medicine, Mathematics, Physics, Astronomy. He was



interested in the movements of the planets and observed them through a telescope. At the time scientists thought that, the earth was the centre of the universe. Galileo believed, as Copernicus had done, that the earth rotated on its axis once daily and round the sun once every year. It was fantastic! In 1633, the Church accused Galilei of heresy because what he said was contrary to Holy Scriptures. He died in Arcetri, Italy, on 8th January 1642. I like him for his courage and intelligence; he had a great role in the scientific revolution.

Cristian Petrilli 3D



Charles Darwin

Charles Darwin was born in 1809 in Shrewsbury, England, from a wealthy family. He was a great English Natural scientist and his book, "On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection" published in 1859, shooked the world. Darwin

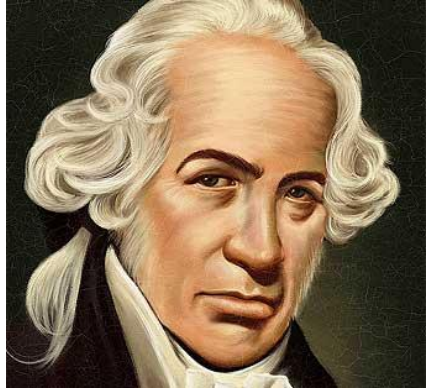
believed that all species, plants, animals, and human beings, were not created individually, but evolved over millions of years through a process of natural selection. All different kinds of living things that could adapt to their particular environment survived. It was a revolutionary theory because at that time, people believed that God had created men and animals. Charles Darwin died in London in 1882. He was buried at Westminster Abbey. I like him because he studied and brought new ideas, which changed the world.

Alessandro Calbi 3E

Daniel Gabriel Fahrenheit

He was born in Danzica in 1686.

He was a German engineer and a physicist and made important precision meteorological instruments



He discovered that water can remain liquid below its freezing point and the boiling point of the liquid varies depending on the atmospheric pressure.

He became famous because he invented the mercury thermometer and scale of grades Fahrenheit

He died in 16 September 1736 in Aia.

I like him because he had a nice surname and his inventions are really useful.

Sebastiano Borrello 3D



Guglielmo Marconi

Guglielmo Marconi was born in 1874 in Bologna. He was an important inventor because he invented the radio. He went to England in 1895 where he made his experiments and based a new society for the development and commercialization of system

wireless signals.

In the winter, 1901 Marconi managed to transmit signals and he sent the world's first radio signal across the Atlantic Ocean from Cornwall to Newfoundland.

His company took the name "Marconi wireless telegraph Company" and became famous.

Marconi's radio system was very important for ships because they could send messages from the ship to the land; the radio wireless served for help during the sinking of the Titanic

In 1909, Marconi won the Nobel Prize in Physics.

He began the first experimental broadcast for the dissemination of the Radio Programs.

In 1922 in England the first radio was born by the British Post called BBC

The BBC was the first Television services in the world.

Marconi was Italian Senator and delegate to Peace conference at Versailles.

He died in Rome 1937. We like him because his invention was very important and changed the world.

In occasion of the award Nobel Marconi says:

"One Day it will be possible to send messages to every corner of the earth using a small amount of Energy so that the cost will be very low".

Andrea Ferraresi - Alberto Keci 3D

Alan Turing

Alan Turing was a great scientist.

He was born in London in 1912.

He had a strong passion for numbers and he studied in Cambridge.

In 1935, he developed an engine, the Turing Machine.



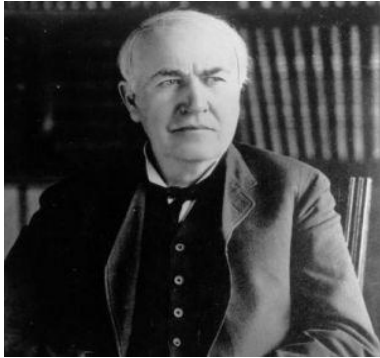
The machine was based on the idea that a problem can be divided into easier smaller problems. When in 1940 The United Kingdom entered World War II,

Turing and a group of researchers had the task to decode the Enigma code. Enigma was the secret code used by the German navy. Their success was very important for the Allies' victory.

After the war, Turing went on developing his machine with another mathematician Johann Von Neuman. He also started studying the connection between computers and human intelligence.

He was working on the network of neurons inside our brain when he died in 1954.

Lorenzo Zezza 3E



Thomas Edison

Thomas Edison was born in 1847, in Ohio. When he was a child, he loved to read and make experiments.

In 1860, he became a telegraph operator; using a kind of alphabet called Morse Code, he sent and received messages over the telegraph. In 1877, even if he was losing his hearing, he invented the phonograph, the first machine that could record the sound of someone's voice and play it back.

The greatest achievement of this great scientist was the electric light bulb and he was the first who created an electrical distribution network.

In 1882, Edison created the first power plant transforming the energy created from Niagara Falls into electricity.

In 1891, Thomas Edison built the "kinetscope" and in 1893, he ended the construction of the "Black Maria" the first movie company. He also worked on X-rays, storage batteries and the first talking doll.

I like him because he was a genius and his inventions changed the world. He died in 1931.

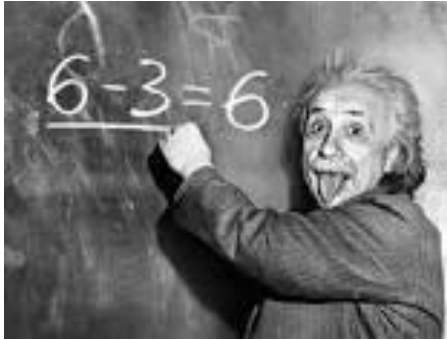
Grazia D'Ardia 3E



Alexander Fleming

The Scottish microbiologist Alexander Fleming was born near Kilmarnock, Scotland, in 1881. Later he moved to London where he worked in a shipping office. When he was 21, he inherited enough money so he could study medicine and became a medical scientist. He was interested in microbes and tried to fight diseases such as Tetanus and Gangrene. In 1928, Fleming saw that a mould, grown in a Petri dish, had killed the germs around it. He called the substance that killed the germs "Penicillin". It was a great discovery because a lot of diseases were defeated and Penicillin became an important life-saver in the Second World War. In 1945, Fleming won the Nobel Prize for medicine.

Yasmin Saydawî IIIE



Albert Einstein

Germany January 14th March
1897 – The USA 18th April 1955

He Said:

*“Everybody is a genius.
But if you judge a fish by
its ability to climb tree,*

it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid”

Albert Einstein was born at Ulm, in Württemberg, Germany, on March 14th, 1879. In 1905, he obtained his doctor degree. During his stay at the Patent Office, he produced much of his famous works: he investigated the thermal properties of light. In Berlin, Einstein postulated the correct interpretation of the special theory of relativity and in 1916 he published this work.

After his retirement, he continued to work on the unification of the basic concept of Physics. Albert Einstein received honorary doctorate degrees in Science, Medicine and Philosophy from many European and American universities. In 1903, he married Mileva Maric and they had a daughter and two sons.

He died on April 18th, 1955 at Princeton, New Jersey.

Nancy Cipriano 3D

Enrico Fermi

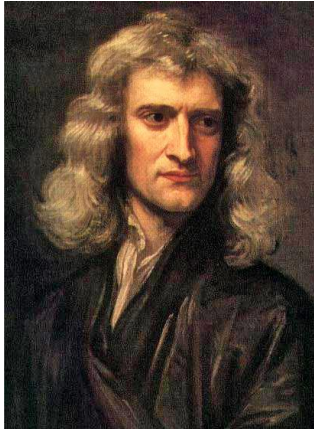
Enrico Fermi was born on 29 September 1901 in Rome.

He was an Italian physicist. He studied the nuclear chain reaction and he formulated the theory of beta decay. For his studies, he won the Nobel Prize in 1938. He is famous because he was a very important physicist; he founded a team of search with other Italian scientists called “I ragazzi di via Panisperna”. He worked for the project “Manhattan,” too. He died on 28 November 1954 in Chicago.

I like him because he was also a good teacher.



Jilali Leone Bnider 3E



Isaac Newton

"If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants"

Newton was born in England in 1643. He was the son of a farmer. He left school when he was 16 and went to work on the family farm. He was not interested in farming and in 1661; he went to the University of Cambridge. He studied Maths, History and Philosophy. He was the greatest British mathematician, scientist and thinker and he is the father of Einstein's ideas. His contributions to modern science are numerous: from Mathematics, Optics, Mechanics, where his genius is best remembered for his contributions.

One day he saw an apple fall off a tree. Why? He thought, and developed his theory of gravity. It was one of the most important discovery that have changed the world. He also discovered that white light has different colours in it.

Isaac Newton was a very difficult man. He was unhappy, unfriendly and he made many enemies.

He lived simply and never got married.

He died alone in London, in 1727. I like him because he had lots of very clever ideas; he was a genius.

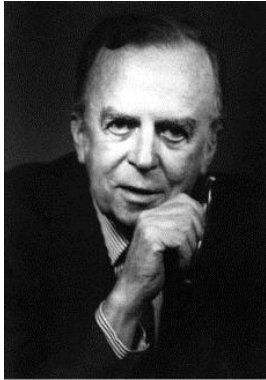
Edoardo Maria Tricarico 3D

Edward Jenner



Edward Jenner was an English doctor who tried to fight a serious disease in his time (1790s) called smallpox (vaiolo). A lot of children were killed by smallpox. He noticed that the women who milked cows were immune because they often caught a weaker form of the disease called cowpox, from their cows. In his experiments in 1796, he injected a weak form of cowpox into a healthy boy and the boy did not catch smallpox. He invented the word "vaccine" from the Latin word for cow-vacca.

Andrea Ferraresi 3D



Joseph Licklider

Many scientists gave their contribution to the creation of the Internet, but Joseph Licklider was the scientist who explained everyone how the internet should be done.

He was born on 11th march 1915 in the USA. He was very interested in the field of technology and in the calculation.

In the 60s, he started working on a project called Arpanet. This project was used by the American Army to get a fast communication system to send orders during the “cold war”. From this project, a new global Network was born: The Internet. Licklider worked to develop this system, but actually, he wanted to get a knowledge communication system in order to share ideas, data and information and to communicate rapidly. He contributed to the Internet Development and he contributed to the Internet ideas.

Many researchers took inspiration from his idea to create the Internet, as we know today. He died on 26th May 1990. He was a great person who really changed the world.

Sofia Proietti 3D



Alessandro Volta

Alessandro Volta, an important Italian inventor, was born in Como in Italy in 1745. He worked as a teacher at Pavia University for many years. He discovered the methane in 1776, and in 1799, he invented the electric battery, called "Voltaic pile". The unit of electric potential is named, in his honour, as the "volt". He was a scientist who studied and made many discoveries in the field of electrochemistry. I like him because he invented the pile, an important element today for many portable electric devices like mobile telephones, and he discovered the methane, another important element for the modern life because it is one of main energy source.

Simone Lorefice 3E

Louis Braille

Louis Braille was born in a small town near Paris, France, in 1909. He was the son of a leather worker. When he was three, he fell in his father workshop and went blind. He loved music and wanted



to be a musician; he learnt to play the cello, but he could not read and write. He won a scholarship to the National Institute for Blind Children in Paris.

In 1821 a French soldier, Charles Barbier, visited the school and shared his invention called "Night writing"; he used twelve raised dots on paper, so that soldiers could read top-secret information at night. Louis Braille understood the importance of this invention; he developed this system, which became easier and added symbols for Math and Music. He was only fourteen.

He was twenty years old when he started to use this special writing at the Institute. Few years later "Braille" was used all over the world. Braille died in 1852 and he never knew the importance of his invention. I like this man because he

had a hard life, but he was strong and brave and his invention changed the world.

Marco Migliano 3E



Marie Curie

Marie Curie was born in Warsaw in Poland in 1867. In 1891, she went to the Sorbonne University in Paris; she studied Physics, Chemistry, and Maths. She married the physicist Pierre

Curie in 1895. In 1897, Marie Curie worked as a teacher and continued her research. She discovered the radioactive elements, Polonium and Radium, with her husband in 1902. In 1906, Marie Curie became professor at the Sorbonne in Paris; in 1911, she won the Nobel Prize for Chemistry. She died in 1934.

Ciullo Aurora 3D

Tensing Norgay- Edmund Hillary



The highest mountain in the world is Mount Everest in Nepal.

It is about nine kilometers high -230 meters higher than the second highest mountain.

Edmund Hillary, from New Zealand and Tensing Norgay, from Nepal, were the first people to climb it on May 29th, 1953.

The temperature at the top is about -36°C in winter and the winds are very strong.

Camilla Fadda-Sofia Proietti 3^D



Rita Levi-Montalcini

Rita Levi-Montalcini,
famous Italian neurologist
and senator for life, was
born on April 22nd, 1909

in Turin.

She studied medicine but in 1938, because of the Second World War, she left Turin because she was Jewish.

She went to Belgium and continued her studies. From 1947 to 1977, she was in the U.S.A as a lecturer at the University of Washington. In 1986, she received the Nobel Prize for medicine.

She discovered various functions of the nervous system, and its growth factor.

Her discovery helps people who have cancer and Parkinson's.

Rita Levi-Montalcini died in Rome on 30th December 2012 at the age of 103.

Valentina Sandulli 3E



Steve Jobs

Steve Jobs was born on 24 February 1955 in San Francisco, California. His parents were young students and they were forced to give him up for adoption. Steve and his father worked on electronics in their garage, reassembling televisions, radios and stereos.

He studied and became an information technology entrepreneur and inventor. In 1976, he founded "Apple Computers" with his friend Steve Wozniak and Ronald Wayne, an electronics industry worker. "Apple" is a relevant hardware and software company, known for its personal computers, the iPod and its innovative marketing strategies for its products. Jobs is considered a pioneer of the personal computer.

He died at home, in California, on 5 th October 2011.

I like him because he was brave, open-minded and hardworking; he had the courage to follow his intuition and changed the world of technology.

Danièle Potestà 3D



Roald Amundsen

The coldest place in the world is Antarctica.

It is eight million square miles in the winter and four million square miles in the summer.

The temperature there is between -40°C and -70°C .

On December 14th 1911, the Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen became the first person to walk to the South Pole.

He took 4 other man and 52 dogs, who helped to pull the men and their equipment. It was a fantastic adventure.

Camilla Fadda 3^{AD}



The Lumiere Brothers

The Lumiere brothers were born in Besancon, France; Auguste Lumiere in 1862 and died in 1954 and Louis Lumiere in 1864 and died

in 1948.

They were filmmakers and they can be considered the fathers of modern cinema.

Their first film, made in 1895, was about factory workers in Lyons. It was only forty-six seconds, but it was important in the history of film. In December 1895, the brothers organized their first show in Paris. People paid money to watch ten short films.

In total, the Lumiere brothers made one thousand four hundred and twenty-five different films, but they stopped in 1903 because they did not think cinema had a future.

Tiziano Maccarone-Nicholas Pistore 3D



Dante Alighieri

Dante Alighieri was born in Florence in 1265. He was a very famous Italian writer. He wrote the *Divina Commedia*, an extraordinary opera which tells us the story of a man,

Dante, who makes a fantastic journey from the Hell to the Paradise, where he hopes to meet his beloved, Beatrice; he meets a lot of famous people who suffer because of their sins or enjoy their love for God. Dante Alighieri was also an important exponent of the literary movement "Dolce stil novo". I like him because he really changed the world of literature.

Alessandro Orabona 3E

Queen Elisabeth I

Queen Elizabeth was born on 7th September 1533.

Elizabeth had a difficult childhood because her father, Henry VIII, was very disappointed because he wanted a son. When her mother Anne Boleyn died,



Elizabeth lived with a governess and studied at home with private teachers. She did not think to become the Queen because she had a brother and a sister before her: King Edward V died when he was very young, and her sister Mary died without any children.

Elizabeth became Queen of England in 1558 and she reigned for 45 years. It was a wonderful period in England for art and literature. The court was a centre for famous writers as Shakespeare and Marlowe. People started to explore the world. Sir Walter Raleigh brought back potatoes and tabacco from America. Sir Francis Drake travelled around the world and returned with a lot of treasure.

It was also a period of wars. The relationship with the Catholic Spain was terrible, but in 1588, England defeated

“the Spanish Armada”. It was an important victory, which made England powerful.

Queen Elizabeth died in 1603. I like her because she was a strong Queen and The British people loved her.

Alberto Keci 3D

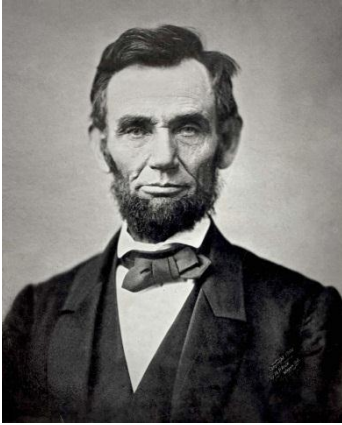
William Shakespeare

William Shakespeare was a famous actor and successful writer.



He was born in 1564 in Stratford-upon-Avon in England. His father was a merchant and probably William studied in a local school. When he was eighteen, he married Anne Hathaway, and they had three children. The young poet had no income so decided to move to London to work for the theatre. By 1592, William became an actor and a playwright. From 1594, he worked for the Lord Chamberlain's Men and was a co-owner of the Globe Theatre when it opened in 1599. He wrote many famous plays: Romeo and Juliet, Hamlet, Macbeth, Othello, Julius Caesar and many others. He became a rich man and in 1610, he returned to Stratford-upon-Avon where he died on 23rd April 1616.

Valentina Sandulli 3E



Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln was born on 12 February 1809, in Kentucky, from a poor family. When he was 24 he served in the State Government of Illinois. He denounced slavery because it was founded on injustice. In 1860 he became the 16th President of the United States, even if the South voted against him because they did not agree with him on slavery. They needed the slaves to work on their plantations. In 1861 the Civil war began and ended in 1865. The Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution passed on December 6, 1865 made slavery illegal. On April 13, 1865 Lincoln was shot while he was at the theatre. I like him because he worked for peace and equality.

Alessandro Dominici 3D

Giuseppe Garibaldi



Giuseppe Garibaldi was born in Nizza on July 4th 1807. He was an Italian patriot and soldier. He was famous because he fought for the Italian Unification. I like Garibaldi because he was a brave and generous man. He died on June 2nd 1882

Eryk Daniel Varga 3E

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was born in Scotland in 1859.

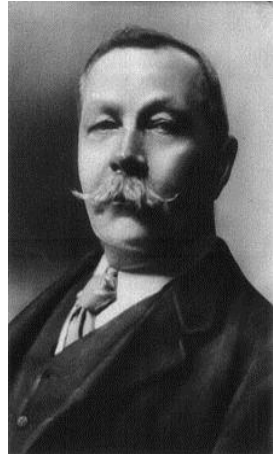
He went to Edinburgh University and studied medicine. He worked as a doctor for several years, but later he became a writer.

Doyle wrote romances, adventure stories, historical novels, but he became famous as the writer of detective stories. He wrote the first story in 1887. Sherlock Holmes was the protagonist; he was a detective who lives in Baker Street, London with his friend and assistant Doctor Watson. People loved Holmes because he was very intelligent and he solved mysteries in a scientific way. Conan Doyle hated his character because he became more famous than he did.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle died in 1930 at the age of seventy-one.

I really love his stories.

Sebastiano Borrellò 3D



Emmeline Pankhurst

Emmeline Pankhurst was born in Manchester, in 1858. She was a fighter for women's equality in the UK. The politicians of those days did not want women to have the vote; they thought women had to stay at home and were incapable to think. When she was 20, she belonged to the suffragists, who wanted rights for women peacefully.



Emmeline and her daughters went to prison many times. When they were in prison, they did not eat and became very ill. Finally, women won the vote in Britain just few weeks before Emmeline died, in 1928. I like her because she fought for equality, dignity and rights for women.

Elisabetta Evangelisti 3E

John Fitzgerald Kennedy

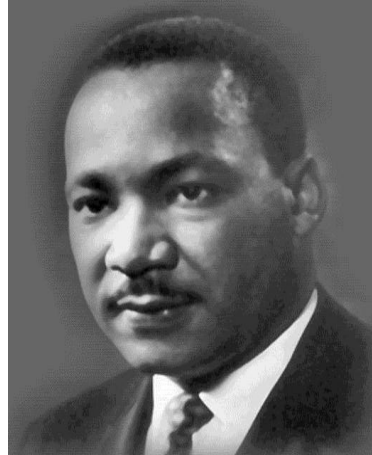


John Fitzgerald Kennedy was born in Massachusetts on 29th May 1917, into an important and Catholic family. Kennedy studied at Harvard University and later got a medal for his heroism in the Second World War. In 1961, he became the youngest Catholic President of the United States of America; he was just 43 years old. He worked for depressed areas and tried to resolve important social problems such as poverty, unemployment and the Afro-American question with the civil rights campaign. He founded the Peace Corps, an organization which promoted world peace and friendship, education and health care. Kennedy worked and supported the Civil Rights Movement. He was shot and killed in Dallas, on the 22nd November 1963.

Claudia Colonna 3D

Martin Luther King

Martin Luther King was born on 15th February 1929. He was a Baptist minister from Alabama. He became the leader of one of the largest protest movements of the 20th century. He worked hard for civil rights of people of his race and against segregation, but under the banner of non-violence, in accordance with Gandhi. In 1963, he led 250.000 people in a march on Washington DC. He gave one of his most famous speeches. It is called the "I have a dream". In his speech, King spoke about his dream for equality between black and white citizens in America. King went to jail several times for his beliefs. He was assassinated on April 4th 1968, but he saw the. I like him because he worked for peace and justice.



Luca Malandrino 3D



Barbara Fusar-Poli

Barbara Fusar-Poli was born in Sesto San Giovanni (Milan) on 6th February 1972. She is famous because she's an Italian ice dancing coach and former competitor. Her partner, Maurizio Margaglio, was born in Milan on 16th November 1974.

Together they won the World Champion and the European Champion in 2001; in 2002 they got an Olympic bronze medal. They won eight Italian titles and competed at three Olympics.

I really like them because I love ice dancing and they are great champions.

Nancy Cipriano 3^{AD}

Federica Pellegrini

Federica Pellegrino was born on 5th August 1988.

She is an Italian swimmer and she has specialized in the crawl. Federica is the

current world champion of the 200 m, the European champion of the 400 m. and the Italian champion of the 100 m. freestyle (crawl).

She was in the Italian national team in the Olympic Games in 2004 in Athens. She got to the second position in the 200 m crawl competition.

In 2008, in the Olympic Games in Beijing, she won the gold medal in the 200 m crawl and she established her fourth world record. When she was 20, she was the first Italian swimmer to win a gold medal.

At the world championship, she won 4 titles and she became the first woman winning, consecutively, so many titles.

I really like her because swimming is my passion, too; she is one of my idols. I would like to be as good as she is.



Sofia Proietti 3D



Giacinto Facchetti

Giacinto Facchetti was born on 18th July 1942 in Treviglio ,Italy. He was a famous footballer with extraordinary technical skills. Helenio Herrera discovered him and took him to Inter. Facchetti became one of the most striker player in the world. From 1961 to 1971, he won a lot of Cups, but the most important was the Football World Cup in 1978 in Argentina. After that, he withdraw and became manager of the football Italian Team. He got important roles as general manager and sporting director. He died in Milan in2006. I like him because he was a loyal, correct, generous and hardworking player, a great example in the football world.

Marco Migliano 3E

Jesse Owens

Jesse Owens was the greatest and most famous athlete in track and field history. He was born on September 12, 1913 in Alabama and he was a black American. He was a very fast runner and went to University to become an athlete. In 1936, Owens won four gold medals at the Berlin Olympics: 100 meters, long jump, 200 meters and 4 × 100 meter relay. Hitler hoped that German athletes would dominate the games with victories, so he did not speak to Owens and did not give a black champion his hand.



I like Jesse Owens because he got four world records and he won the Olympic Games during the Second World War although he was a black man and against any racial prejudice.

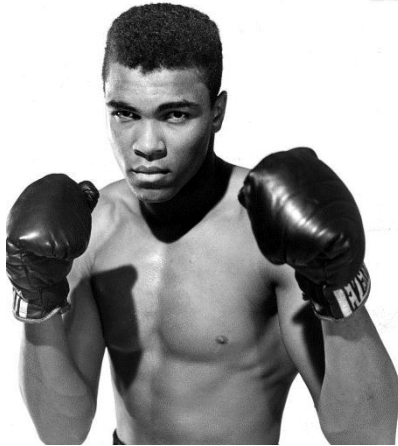
Simone Lorefice -Alessio Gigante 3E

Magic Johnson (Earvin Johnson Jr.)



He was born on 14th August 1959 in Lansing, The USA. Magic Johnson is famous because he was the best playmaker in the basketball story, from 1979 to 2000. He got a gold medal at the Olympic Games. In November 1991, Magic Johnson created the Magic Johnson Foundation: a charitable foundation for AIDS and he is a member of the US Democratic Party. I really like Magic Johnson because he was one of the best basketball players of the story; he is a good person, loyal and honest.

Sebastiano Borello 3D



Muhammad Ali

Muhammad Ali (Cassius) was born in 1942, in Kentucky. At school, Cassius was more interested in sports than books. He was very good at boxing and became "the Kentucky boxing champion" six times before he left

school. After school, Cassius went to New York to learn to box professionally. In 1960, he went to the Olympic Games in Rome with the American team and he won a Gold Medal. In 1964, he became the World Champion. Soon after, Cassius became a Muslim and changed his name to MUHAMMAD ALI. He desired a better life for black people in the USA and did not agree with the Vietnam War. He was a great boxer. In 1982, Muhammad Ali stopped boxing because he was very ill. In 1996, he opened the Olympic Games in Atlanta and many people, watching him on television, were happy to see this famous sports Hero.

Aurora Ciullo 3D

Nadia Comaneci

Nadia Comaneci was born on 12th November 1961, in Romania.

She was the best gymnast in the world.

She became the first woman to score a perfect 10 at the Olympic Gymnastics in 1976 in Montreal; she was only 14 when she won three gold medals.



Nadia flutters as a butterfly and she incanted all the world. After four years (1980) at the Olympics Games in Moscow, she won two gold medals.

She retired in 1984 from gymnastics.

Her image was exploited by the dictatorial regime of Ceausescu. In 1989, she managed to escape to the United States, where she lives.

I like her because I feel enchanted and astonished watching her while she is performing.

Claudia Colonna 3D

Niki Lauda



Niki Lauda was born in Vienna, Austria, on February 22 1949. He was very interested in cars and racing. He became famous because he raced for Ferrari and he won the Championship of F1 in 1974. He won the Championship in 1976, in 1977 and in 1984. People remember Niki Lauda because he survived a bad accident and went back soon after to race again. I like him for his courage.

Gabriele Pallottini 3E

PELÉ'

Pelè was one of the greatest footballers in the world. He was born in Brazil, on 23 October 1940. He was only ten when he began to work cleaning people's shoes. He used to go to the football stadium for cleaning people's shoes and for watching the matches there. When he was sixteen, he went to play for Santos Football Club and then he played for the Brazilian team in 1958 World Cup in Sweden. Brazil won and Pelè scored two goals and Brazil won the World Cup for the first time. Pelè helped to stop a war for a time. In fact, in 1967, he played a football match in Lagos, in Nigeria where there was a terrible war; it stopped for 48 hours because everybody watched Pelè playing football. Pelè stopped playing professional football in Brazil in 1974. Today many people remember him for his beautiful game. I like him because I love football and he played unforgettable fantastic matches.



Francesco Sardella 3E



Samía Yusuf Omar

Samia Yusuf Omar was born on 30th April 1991, in Mogadiscio, Somalia, in a really poor family. When she was a child, she left school because her father died and she looked after her brothers while her mother was at work.

During her spare time Samia ran, but in Somalia had different ideas, they did not want that women became athletes.

When she was 17, she went to Pechiney 2008 Olympics, but she did not win.

When she returned to Mogadiscio, the lord of war threaten her and she faced the death "journey" to go to West .

She died on 2nd April on 2012, drowned in Lampedusa sea, just following her dreams.

Valentina Sandulli 3E

Valentino Rossi



Valentino Rossi was born in Pesaro on 16th February 1979. He is an Italian professional motorcycle racer and multiple MotoGP World Champion.

His father was a motorcycle-racing champion. Valentino rode his first bike when he was two years old and won his first race when he was nine. In 1994, he won his first World Championship Grand Prix in the Czech Republic. Before he was 26 years old, Valentino had seven World Championship titles. Rossi races with different motors, but he always uses the number 46; because his father, who was also a motorcyclist, used this number. Valentino Rossi is the fastest motorcyclist in the world. I like him because he is really generous, hardworking and stubborn.

Tiziano Maccarone 3D

Elvis Presley



Elvis Presley is known simply as “The King” because he was the king of rock ‘n’ roll. He was born on 8th January, in 1935, in the state of Mississippi. He was an only child from a poor family. He had a great passion: music. He introduced a new rhythm to music, which became popular all over the world. His first hits were “Heartbreak Hotel”, “Jailhouse Rock” and “Blue Suede Shoes”. He was also a great dancer and a very good-looking boy. However, his life was very short; he died at home on 16th August, 1977 when he was only 42 years old. I like him because he was full of life and energy and his music makes people happy.

Saydawi Yasmine- Barbara Fico- Josuanny Lantigua 3E



John Lennon

John Lennon was born on 9th October 1940 in Liverpool, England. He was a Pop singer and songwriter. Lennon was in the Band "The Beatles" with Paul McCartney and George Harrison.

They started in Liverpool, their hometown. After many hits, the Beatles broke up in 1970. Lennon became famous for his anti-war campaigning. His famous hits were "Imagine", "Happy Christmas" and many others. He was shot dead by a fan outside his flat in New York on 8th December 1980. I like him for his wonderful melodies and lyrics.

Andriana Volocenco 3E



Jilali Leone Bnider

Alessandro Calbi

Grazia D'Ardia

Alessandro De Santis

Elisabetta Evangelisti

Barbara Fico

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Alessandro Centrone

Nancy Cipriano

Aurora Ciullo

Claudia Colonna

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