

# 100 greatest Africans of all time

<b>1. Nelson Mandela</b>	A living legend. The symbol of Africa. Freedom fighter. The most recognisable face in the world.
<b>2. Kwame Nkrumah</b>	Former president of Ghana. He envisaged the African Union long before it became a reality. His footprints are still blueprint for us to follow.
<b>3. Robert Mugabe</b>	President of Zimbabwe. Fearless pan-Africanist of recent times who is fighting for the land which belonged to his ancestors.
<b>4. Julius Nyerere</b> 	Former president of Tanzania. A great leader who refused to allow the trappings of power to corrupt him. He was respected by his country, Africa and the rest of the world.
<b>5. Marcus Garvey</b>	A visionary pan-African leader and thinker. A practical man, he could have united all blacks if he had not been jailed.
<b>6. Patrice Lumumba</b>	A pan African hero and symbol of African nationalism. A martyr of the African cause.
<b>7. Martin Luther King</b>	African-American religious and political leader who changed the course of life for all African-Americans. His speech in 1968 "I have a dream" has become a classic.
<b>8. Thabo Mbeki</b> 	President of South Africa. The representative of the young generation of new African statesmen. A Renaissance man.
<b>9. Malcolm X</b>	African-American political leader. His resistance against racism helped African-Americans to realise their dream.
<b>10. Kofi Annan</b>	UN secretary general. Africa's greatest diplomat of all time. He is handling the reforms at the UN in a calm and efficient way.
<b>11. Muhammad Ali</b>	The greatest boxer of all . "If you can do it, it ain't bragging," he once said. Civil rights activist. The loudest mouth in the world.
<b>Steve Biko</b>	South African activist tortured to death by the apartheid police. He famously said: "the greatest weapon in the hands of the oppressor is the mind of the oppressed".
<b>Muammar Gaddafi</b>	Libyan Guide and African leader. He has realised you cannot defy the whole world. A rallying point for African heads of state.
<b>12. Winnie Mandela</b>	The most popular woman in Africa. South Africa political leader and former wife of Nelson Mandela.
<b>13. Shaka Zulu</b>	A Zulu king and military genius. An empire builder who wanted to unite all Zulu chiefdoms into one strong Zulu nation for the benefit of all Zulus.
<b>14. Chinua Achebe</b>	A great Nigerian writer and recorder of African history. His first book, Things Fall Apart, has sold 8 million copies worldwide and translated into 50 languages.
<b>15. W. E. B. Du Bois</b> 	African-American intellectual and political leader. The pioneer of African liberation and conscience-father of pan-Africanism.
<b>16. Haile Selassie</b>	The last emperor of Ethiopia. A liberator of his country and the continent.
<b>Thomas Sankara</b>	Former president of Burkina Faso. He changed the country's name from the colonial Upper Volta.
<b>17. Pele</b> 	African-Brazilian footballer. The greatest. His feet and feats on the football pitch brought huge pride and honour to all blacks.
<b>18. Bob Marley</b>	Jamaican musician and creative genius. He touched the hearts and minds of millions worldwide.
<b>19. Olusegun Obasanjo</b>	President of Nigeria. A former military officer who voluntarily gave up power to civilians in 1979. He was returned to power in 1999 to save a worsening situation.
<b>20. George Weah</b>	Liberian footballer and world best player in 2000. An icon of selflessness who has provided financial help out of his own pocket to transport his country's national team to a major tournaments.
<b>21. Kenneth Kaunda</b> 	Former president of Zambia and one of the few first generation independence leaders still alive. He played a vital role in the African liberation struggle.
<b>22. Cheikh Anta Diop</b>	Senegalese writer and one of Africa's greatest historians. His work on Ancient Egypt has become a classic.
<b>Roger Milla</b>	Cameroonian footballer and one of the best in Africa. A huge role model for the African youth.
<b>23. Gamal Abdel Nasser</b>	Former Egyptian president. The pioneer of Arab nationalism and unity.
<b>24. Sir Seretse Khama</b>	Botswana's first president. He inherited an impoverished and little known obscure state and left an increasingly democratic and prosperous country.
<b>25. Maheru Imhotep</b>	Historic figure. Imhotep was chief architect to the Third Dynasty King Djoser (2687-2668 BC). He was in charge of building and designing the step pyramid at Saqqara.