

100 greatest Africans of all time

50. F.W. de Klerk		Former president of South Africa. He yielded power to black majority rule. Shared Nobel Peace Prize with Nelson Mandela.
Ali Mazrui		Tanzanian intellectual and writer. He presents a positive image of Africa and its people.
51. Joaquim Chissano		President of Mozambique. He led his country into peace, national reconciliation and economic rise.
52. Joshua Nkomo		Zimbabwean nationalist leader, and a key figure in the struggle against colonialism. One of the stalwarts of African nationalism.
53. Felix Konotey-Ahulu		Ghanaian doctor practising in the UK. The greatest authority on sickle cell disease. A great champion of African causes in the medical world.
54. Oliver Tambo		South African political leader and freedom fighter. He emphasised the need to liberate the oppressor from his fears that lead to his oppressive ways.
55. Louis Farrakhan		Fearless African-American religious leader. A promoter of black self-improvement.
Victor Anomah Ngu		Cameroonian doctor and discoverer of an Aids vaccine. Scientist who has now won the confidence of his government and people.
56. Abedi Pele		One of Ghana's foremost footballers, named by Pele as one of the top 125 greatest living footballers.
Marc Vivian Foe		Cameroonian footballer. Died on the football pitch fighting like an African warrior.
57. Walter Sisulu		Hero among heroes of the black struggle in South Africa. He was jailed on the same day as Nelson Mandela and spent the same 27 years in prison.
58. Youssou N'Dour		Senegalese musician with a prodigious talent. One of the greatest singing voices in Africa.
59. Akhenaten		A black pharaoh of Ancient Egypt. He introduced the concept and worship of one god adopted centuries later by Christianity and Islam. His wife was Queen Nerfititi.
60. George Padmore		Trinidadian champion of decolonisation who came to personify the hopes and aspirations for black freedom throughout the Caribbean and Africa.
61. Abdelaziz Bouteflika		Algerian president and veteran of the country's war for independence from France.
Alpha Oumar Konare		Former Malian president, credited with boosting his country's economy and fostering its democratic processes. He now chairs the African Union Commission.
62. Anwar Sadat		Former Egyptian president who helped to end a longstanding conflict between his country and Israel. He was assassinated by extremists in 1981.
63. John Hendrik Clarke		African-American historian and writer. His work on black history is a masterpiece.
64. Maya Angelou		Internationally respected African-American poet, writer and educator. <i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i> is one of her best-selling titles.
65. Hannibal		Perhaps the greatest military strategist of all time. A great African general who gave Europe a run for its money. His victory over Rome after scaling the Alps with his huge army brought him enormous respect and admiration. His strategies and tactics are taught in military schools to this day.
66. Bill Cosby		African-American entertainment icon. One of the most influential stars in America today.
67. Chief Hosea Kutako		Namibian chief who inspired the Hereros and other Namibians to fight for justice and national liberation. He alerted the world to the plight of Namibia's suffering natives.
68. Obafemi Awolowo		Nigerian statesman and one of the founders of the Nigerian Trades Union Congress. He believed that the state should channel Nigeria's resources into education and development.
69. Oliver Mthukuzi		Zimbabwean musician who through his music successfully portrays the hardships that Africans endure, particularly in his home country.
70. Tafewa Balewa		The first prime minister of Nigeria assassinated in the 1966 coup, that ushered in a prolonged period of political turbulence and eventually led to civil war.
71. Ahmed Baba (of Timbuktu)		The greatest scholar, intellectual and prolific writer of the 16th century. For 30 years, he headed the famous Sankore University in Timbuktu which became the centre of the world's scientific knowledge.
72. Tom Mboya		A popular Kenyan politician whose assassination in 1969 has still not been satisfactorily explained.
73. Williams Sisters (Venus & Serena)		African-American tennis superstars who have radically changed the face of the game. They have become huge role models for black youth across the world.
74. Hendrik Witbooi		A renowned Namibian chief and a great military strategist who helped start Namibia's proud anti-colonial resistance.