



Who are some of the women who changed the world?

Throughout history, in every culture around the world, extraordinary women have pushed society to think bigger, move forward and create. The following women are glowing examples of ceaseless curiosity, boundless courage and world-changing ingenuity. Thanks to each of them, women and girls all over the world are able to live with fewer restraints and bigger dreams. They

have reached a high place in all fields: politics, business, sport, art, literature etc.

1. **Benazir Bhutto** was a Pakistani-born politician, with Pakistani and Kurdish origin, who chaired the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), a centre-left political party in Pakistan. Bhutto was the first woman elected to lead a Muslim state, having twice been Prime Minister of Pakistan (1988-1990; 1993-1996). She was Pakistan's first and to date only female prime minister. she was assassinated on 27 December 2007, after departing a PPP rally in the Pakistani city of Rawalpindi, two weeks before the scheduled Pakistani general election of 2008 in which she was a leading opposition candidate

2. **Indira Gandhi** was born Indira Nehru to Jawaharlal Nehru. She was the third Prime Minister of the Republic of India for three consecutive terms from 1966 to 1977 and for a fourth term from 1980 until her assassination in 1984, a total of fifteen years. India's only female prime minister to date, she remains the world's longest serving female Prime Minister as of 2011. She was also the only Indian Prime Minister to have declared an emergency in order to 'rule by decree' and the only Indian Prime Minister to have been imprisoned.



3. **Mother Theresa** was a Catholic nun of Albanian ethnicity and Indian citizenship. She founded the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta, India in 1950. For over 45 years she ministered to the poor, sick, orphaned, and dying, while guiding the Missionaries of Charity's expansion, first throughout India and then in other countries. She was internationally renowned as a humanitarian and advocate for the poor and helpless, due in part to a documentary and book *Something Beautiful for God* by *Malcolm Muggeridge*. She won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 and India's highest civilian honour, the Bharat Ratna, in 1980 for her humanitarian work.



4. **Rosa Louise McCauley Parks** (February 4, 1913 - October 24, 2005) was an African-American civil rights activist, whom the U.S. Congress called "the first lady of civil rights", and "the mother of the freedom movement". On December 1, 1955 in Montgomery, Alabama, Parks refused to obey bus driver James Blake's order that she give up her seat to make room for a white passenger. Parks' act of defiance became an important symbol of the modern Civil Rights Movement and Parks became an international icon of resistance to racial segregation. She organized and collaborated with civil rights leaders, including boycott leader Martin Luther King, Jr., helping to launch him to national prominence in the civil rights movement.

5. **Simone de Beauvoir 1908-1986** was a French existentialist philosopher, public intellectual, and social theorist. She wrote novels, essays, biographies, an autobiography in several volumes, and monographs on philosophy, politics, and social issues. She is now best known for her metaphysical novels, including *She Came to Stay* and *The Mandarins*, and for her 1949 treatise *The Second Sex*, a detailed analysis of women's oppression and a foundational tract of contemporary feminism.

Find the words in the text that means:

never-ending _____

limitation _____

to govern _____

murdered _____

nationality _____

to aid _____

famous _____

abandon _____

disobediance _____

symbol _____

opposition _____

cooperate _____

distinction _____

persecution _____

present _____

Answer the following questions.

Who was the first female leader in Pakistan?

What happened on December 1, 1955?

Who was known as a humanitarian and advocate for the needy?

Who was a reknowned philosopher?

Why was Rosa Parks called the "the mother of the freedom movement"

Who was a presidential candidate before being murdered?

Answer the following questions.

Why does Indira Gandhi remain the world's longest serving female Prime Minister ?

Who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979

Indira Gandhi was also the only Indian Prime Minister to have done two things. What were they?

How long did Mother Theresa look after the underprivileged for?

Who wrote the book on women's mistreatment?

How did Rosa Parks help Martin Luther King, Jr

Who was the third prime minister in India?

Who were the two women who were assassinated?

What personality traits do you think these women have in common?
