Movers and Shakers: Who has changed history?

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.

We can learn a lot about today by studying significant people from the past and how they have changed the world.



A timeline helps us know when events happened and put things in chronological order.

1492

Christopher Columbus discovered the Americas.

1534

Henry VIII formed the Church of England.

1928

Women over 21 were aiven the right to vote.

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

1969

Significant people in history



Mary Anning studied fossils and shared her knowledge.



Paul Cézanne helped to create a new style of art called



up for women's rights.



person to walk on the Moon



formed the Church of England.





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



Christopher Columbus was the first European person to discover the Americas





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



Vincent van Gogh created a new style of painting.

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.

Vocabulary To see or find discover something before anyone else. To design or make invent something that has never been made before. A structure built to monument remember an event or person. A flat piece of metal or plaque 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 statue made from stone or metal to look like a person

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.