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Meet 50 women, from queens and politicians to explorers and sports figures, who changed the world. These 50 women pursued their ambitions and achieved their dreams – even when the world tried to tell them they shouldn't. They enjoyed successes and triumphs, dealt with tragedies and ordeals, and lived lives as thrilling and moving as a great novel. Ranging from artists, designers, and actresses to entrepreneurs, scientists, and activists, the women include Maria Montessori, Amelia Earhart, Coco Chanel, Simone de Beauvoir, Rosa Parks, Eva Peron, Josephine Baker, Jane Goodall, and Malala Yousafzai.

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**Emmeline Pankhurst**

She was a British suffragette leader who led the women's movement in the United Kingdom. She was a member of the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU) and was known for her militant tactics in the fight for women's suffrage. She was arrested multiple times and spent several years in prison. Her actions inspired other women to join the movement and eventually led to the passage of the Representation of the People Act in 1918.



**Gertrude Stein**

She was an American writer, poet, and art collector. She is best known for her novel *The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas* and her collection of essays *The Making of Americans*. She was a member of the Lost Generation and was a close friend of Ernest Hemingway. She was also a patron of the arts and collected many famous artists, including Pablo Picasso and Matisse.



**Rosa Parks**

She was an African American civil rights activist. She is best known for her role in the Montgomery bus boycott. She was arrested for refusing to give up her seat to a white passenger on a bus. Her actions led to the boycott and eventually to the desegregation of the bus system in Montgomery, Alabama.