

Ten People from Illinois Who Changed the World

(Other Than Abraham Lincoln)

Walt Disney (1901-1966). Animator, entrepreneur, actor, film and TV producer

John Deere (1804-1886). Blacksmith and manufacturer, founder of Deere & Co.

Ray Kroc (1902-1984). Entrepreneur who built McDonald's into an international brand

Charles Walgreen (1873-1939). Businessman, founder of Walgreens drugstores

Jane Addams (1860-1935). Pioneer settlement activist/reformer, social worker, sociologist, protestor, author

Barack Obama (1961-). Politician and attorney, 44th President of the United States

Ronald Reagan (1911-2004). Politician and actor, 40th President of the United States

Betty Friedan (1921-2006). Writer, activist, leading figure in the U.S. women's movement

George Halas (1895-1983). Athlete, head coach and owner of the Chicago Bears

Oprah Winfrey (1954-) Talk show host, actress, media pioneer, producer, and philanthropist

And 50 More ...

- ▶ Philip Armour
- ▶ Ernie Banks
- ▶ Jack Benny
- ▶ Mary Ann Bickerdyke
- ▶ Black Hawk
- ▶ E. J. Brach
- ▶ Ray Bradbury
- ▶ Edgar Rice Burroughs
- ▶ Daniel Burnham
- ▶ Sandra Cisneros
- ▶ Hillary Clinton
- ▶ Charles Gates Dawes
- ▶ Wyatt Earp
- ▶ Enrico Fermi
- ▶ Marshall Field
- ▶ Benny Goodman
- ▶ Billy Graham
- ▶ Red Grange
- ▶ Ulysses S. Grant
- ▶ Lorraine Hansberry
- ▶ Ernest Hemingway
- ▶ Hugh Hefner
- ▶ Rock Hudson
- ▶ John Hughes
- ▶ Rev. Jesse Jackson
- ▶ Quincy Jones
- ▶ Michael Jordan
- ▶ Jackie Joyner-Kersey
- ▶ Frank and Forrest Mars
- ▶ Oscar Mayer
- ▶ Cyrus McCormick
- ▶ Robert R. McCormick
- ▶ Joseph Medill
- ▶ Dwight D. Moody
- ▶ Elliot Ness
- ▶ Bertha Palmer
- ▶ Potter Palmer
- ▶ George Pullman
- ▶ Julius Rosenwald
- ▶ Carl Sandburg
- ▶ Otto Schnering
- ▶ Louis Sullivan
- ▶ Gustavus Swift
- ▶ Mies van der Rohe
- ▶ Bill Veeck
- ▶ Montgomery Ward
- ▶ Ida B. Wells
- ▶ Frances Willard
- ▶ Frank Lloyd Wright
- ▶ William Wrigley Jr.

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