**Biographies (lives) to Consider**

**Major Bible People**

Patriarchs, kings, prophets, Jesus, apostles

**Historical People to know about: Inventors, businessmen, leaders, innovators…**

Jane Addams—started Hull House for immigrants in Chicago

Louisa Alcott—author

Archimedes—ancient Greek inventor

Roger Bacon—English Medieval scientist

Johann Sebastian Bach—famous European musician

Clara Barton—founded American Red Cross

Ludwig van Beethoven—European musician

Alexander Graham Bell—inventor of telephone

Simon Bolivar—“liberator”—led revolutions in South America

Daniel Boone—frontiersman

William Bradford—Puritan governor of Plymouth colony

Chief Sitting Bull—leader of Indians

Andrew Carnegie—Industrialist—developed steel industry

Winston Churchill—British prime minister during WWII

Copernicus—Renaissance scientist; observed a round earth

Madam Curie—discoverer of radium

Descartes—French mathematician and philosopher

Frederick Douglass—abolitionist

Amelia Earhart—aviator

Albert Einstein—scientist & mathematician

Jean Henri Fabre—naturalist

Henry Ford—mass producer

Ben Franklin—colonial leader and inventor

Charles Dickens—English author

Robert Frost—American poet

Galileo—Italian astronomer and scientist

Mahatma Gandhi—pacifist independence leader of India

Andrew Jackson—frontiersman soldier & U.S. president

Thomas Jefferson—colonial leader and president

Herbert Hoover--humanitarian

Martin Luther King, Jr.—civil rights leader

Meriwether Lewis—explorer

Abraham Lincoln—president (See Carl Sandburg’s *Prairie Years*)

Charles Lindbergh—aviator

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow—poet

Horace Mann—educator

Will & Charlie Mayo—founders of Mayo clinic

Michelangelo—sculptor, painter, architect

Samuel Morse—invented telegraph

J.P. Morgan—banker

Napoleon—French military leader

Isaac Newton—famous English scientist

Florence Nightingale—founder of modern nursing

James Oglethorpe—founder of Georgia

William Penn—Quaker founder of Pennsylvania

Marco Polo—Italian explorer to China

George Pullman—Engineer and industrialist

Franklin Roosevelt—president

Theodore Roosevelt—president

John Smith—English soldier, explorer, colonial governor

Sacajawea—Indian guide of Lewis & Clark

Adam Smith—Scottish economist

John Philip Sousa—American composer

Squanto—Indian who helped pilgrims

Leo Tolstoy—famous Russian writer

Harriet Tubman—conductor on “underground railroad”

Leonardo da Vinci—Italian renaissance painter and scientist

George Washington—colonial leader and president

Noah Webster—creator of American dictionary

Narcissa Whitman—missionary in Oregon

Eli Whitney—inventor of cotton gin

Laura Ingalls Wilder—American writer

Wright brothers—invented airplane

**Church history lives of note**

Johann Arndt—early leader

August H. Francke—Pietist writer

John Calvin—leader of reformed churches

Conrad Grebel—Anabaptist leader

Jacob Hutter—Hutterite founding

Martin Luther—founder of Lutheranism, writer

Daniel Pastorius—American pietist leader

Michael Sattler—Anabaptist leader

Menno Simons—Mennonite leader

Philip Jacob Spener—Pietist writer

William Tyndale—Bible translation

John Wycliffe—Bible translation

Nikolaus von Zinzendorf—Moravian

**Hymn Writers:**

Cecil Frances Alexander

Philip Paul Bliss

William Cowper

Fanny Crosby

Philip Doddridge

Frances Ridley Havergal

John Newton

Ira Sankey

Anne Steele

Augustus Toplady

Isaac Watts

Charles Wesley

**Instructive Lives**

George W. Carver—plant doctor

Father Flanagan of Boys’ Town, Nebraska

Amos Fortune—free man, though a slave

Archibald Rutlege—respect for life and others

Salom Rizk—Syrian-American immigrant (wrote *Syrian Yankee*)

Anne Sullivan & Helen Keller (teacher & blind/deaf pupil)

Mother Teresa—cared for India’s poorest

Booker T. Washington—Black leader

**Missionaries/people with commitment to Christian service**

Gladys Aylward—British missionary to China

Amy Carmichael—missionary to India

Father Damien—Belgian priest died serving lepers in Hawaii

Jim Elliot—martyred by Auca Indians

Charles Grandison Finney—revivalist

Billy Graham--evangelist

Annie Funk—Mennonite missionary to India

Adoniram Judson—missionary to Burma

Samuel Morris—African African missionary died age 20

George Mueller—Faith mission—orphanages in England

Mary Slessor—Scottish missionary to Nigeria

Hudson Taylor—missionary to China

William Tyndale—Bible translator

George Whitefield—evangelist

John Wycliffe—Bible translator

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