

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 ...

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- 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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