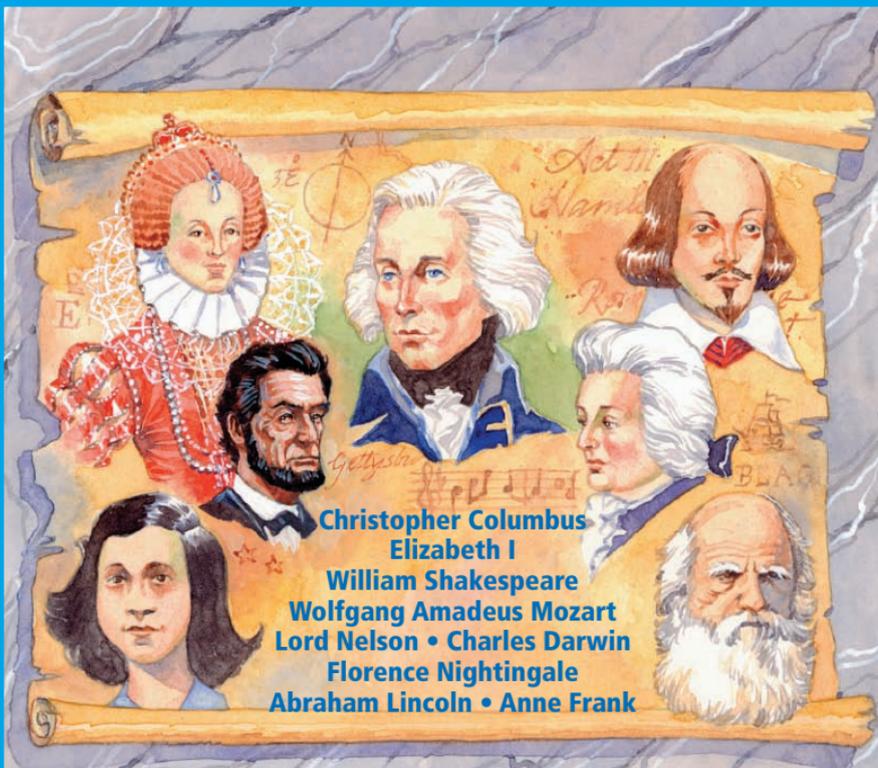


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**FAMOUS PEOPLE IN HISTORY**

Read by **Trevor Nichols** and **Katinka Wolf**

**JUNIOR  
CLASSICS**



**Christopher Columbus**  
**Elizabeth I**  
**William Shakespeare**  
**Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart**  
**Lord Nelson • Charles Darwin**  
**Florence Nightingale**  
**Abraham Lincoln • Anne Frank**

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**Christopher Columbus** – The Man Who Found America\*

1	'Tierra! Tierra!' The First Voyage	6:11
2	The Second Voyage	7:31
3	The Third Voyage	3:18
4	The Fourth Voyage	3:59

**Elizabeth I** – Queen of England†

5	1588 – Tilbury	7:20
6	The Young Queen	4:03
7	The Spanish Armada	3:36

**William Shakespeare** – All the world's a stage\*

8	All the world's a stage	5:55
9	A new breed of playwright was writing plays	5:55
10	A new theatre – The Globe	7:13

**Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart** – The Great Composer†

11	A child prodigy and a genius	6:34
12	Mozart as a teenager	5:13
13	A composer and pianist travelling in Europe	2:53
14	1791 – The last year of his life	2:50

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**Lord Nelson** – England Expects Every Man Will  
Do His Duty\*

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|----|-------------------------------------------|------|
| 15 | The fatal musket ball                     | 6:49 |
| 16 | Nelson's first big sea battle             | 7:01 |
| 17 | The Battle of Trafalgar – October 21 1805 | 4:06 |

**Charles Darwin** – The Origin of the Species\*

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| 18 | A book that was to change the world            | 8:07 |
| 19 | Life and views in Victorian England            | 4:19 |
| 20 | Publication of <b>On the Origin of Species</b> | 4:52 |

**Florence Nightingale** – The Lady with the Lamp<sup>†</sup>

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| 21 | The Barracks Hospital, Scutari, 1854   | 4:10 |
| 22 | Florence Nightingale gets down to work | 4:01 |
| 23 | The Lady with the Lamp                 | 3:35 |

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**Abraham Lincoln** – The American President who freed the slaves\*

24	Fountain Hughes speaks – a former slave	3:11
25	Abraham Lincoln – a Kentuckian lawyer, six foot four inches	4:32
26	'Honest Abe' is elected President of the USA	2:47
27	The end of the Civil War	2:26

**Anne Frank** – A Diary of Hope†

28	Into hiding	5:40
29	A diary and new friend – Kitty	3:58
30	Time passes slowly – the diary grows	5:18
31	Discovery – the Nazis arrive	3:03

**Total time: 2:31:20**

\* Read by Trevor Nichols

† Read by Katinka Wolf

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# FAMOUS PEOPLE IN HISTORY

It is not given to everyone to change the world they live in – or have an effect on generations of people well after they have gone. It happens to only a few – these are the famous people in history.

You cannot always tell when a person is young that he or she will make a mark upon the world. **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart** was a musical prodigy – everyone who saw him perform when he was five, six or seven, knew that. But not all prodigies grow up to be exceptional adults – though Mozart did, writing music that is far more popular now than when he was alive.

And some people seem very ordinary when young. **Anne Frank** was just a normal girl, until circumstances suddenly showed that she was, perhaps in a way we all are, rather exceptional as a personality as well as a writer. And then there is **William Shakespeare**, who is one of the greatest mysteries,

because his remarkable genius seemed to have emerged from the most normal background.

The big stepping stones of history are laid by famous people – though sometimes becoming famous is a surprise to the person himself. **Charles Darwin** didn't mean to produce the theory of evolution and change the way we view the development of life on Planet Earth. He just couldn't stop himself realising it.

There are also those people who were put into situations by circumstances and just had to make the best of it – and their best was brilliant. Thus **Queen Elizabeth**, **Admiral Nelson** and **Abraham Lincoln** turned the tide of history because they were in positions of authority which made them achieve what they did; much the same applies to **Florence Nightingale**, who was truly a woman with a mission.

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And then there are the people of vision and madness. What prompted Christopher Columbus to forge ahead single-mindedly to find the land that he KNEW was out there? Who knows what possessed him in his dreams, which made him brave the wild, unknown seas and, even worse, the indifference of very ordinary, boring people who only wanted one thing – gold.

These are the qualities that make up the truly famous person. For him or her, fame is a result, not a goal. Some people say they want to become famous, but none of the nine figures featured on this recording cared about fame. They just had a burning desire to do something – and as a result, they achieved a fame that will last for as long as history is read and told and heard.

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**CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS** (1451-1506). Born in Genoa, Italy, but, while in the service of Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain, crossed the Atlantic in 1492, making landfall in the Caribbean. He went on three further voyages across the Atlantic, and still thought he had discovered the Indies, or perhaps China – without realising it was the American continent.

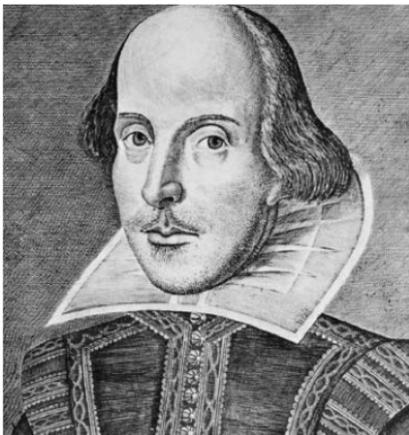


**QUEEN ELIZABETH I** (1533-1603). The daughter of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, she became Queen of England in 1558, and ruled for 45 years. During that time, England was transformed into a strong world power, with a rich artistic life.



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**WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE** (1564-1616). Born in Stratford, the son of a glove maker, he became the greatest playwright the world has ever known. Thirty-eight plays of his remain – some were lost – including *Romeo and Juliet*, *Hamlet*, *Henry V* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. He was also an actor and part owner of the outside theatre, *The Globe*.



**WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART** (1756-1791). An exceptional child prodigy who played the harpsichord and violin and composed by the age of six, Mozart wowed the kings and queens and emperors of Europe. When he had grown up, and was no longer just a thrilling show, his popularity declined, but not his talent. Though he died at 36, he produced a remarkable range of operas, concertos, symphonies, quartets, chamber music of all kinds – and his last work, the *Requiem*.



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**LORD HORATIO NELSON** (1758-1805). The great English admiral, Nelson never lost a major sea battle and ensured England was the master of the oceans during the Napoleonic wars, therefore scuppering the plans Napoleon Bonaparte had for invading. Nelson's battles, culminating in the Battle of Trafalgar where he died at the moment of victory, were marked by inventive and original tactics.

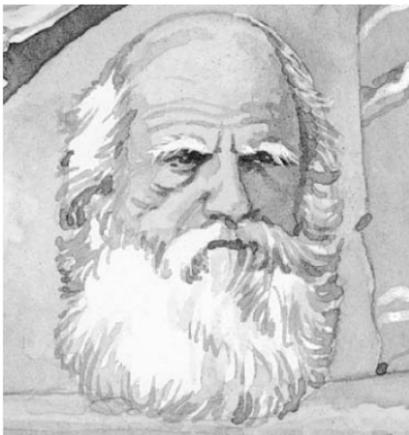


**FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE** (1820-1910). The pioneer of modern nursing. Though she grew up in comfortable, rich circumstances, she decided from an early age that she wanted to nurse – despite considerable difficulties, especially during the Crimean War against Russia – and developed nursing into an honourable, valuable and vital profession.

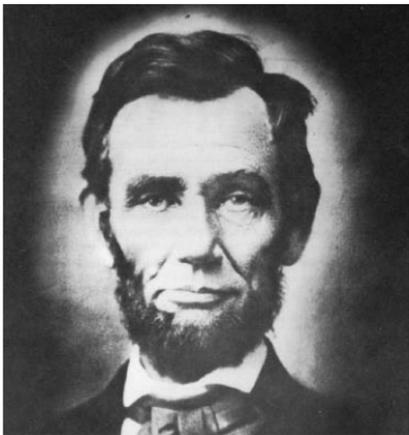


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**CHARLES DARWIN** (1809-1882). The natural historian and the man who developed the theory of evolution, Charles Darwin revolutionised the way we think of the development of animals and humans. From 1831-1836 he sailed around the world on *The Beagle* gathering information on the natural world which led, some 30 years later, to his book **The Origin of Species**.



**ABRAHAM LINCOLN** (1809-1865). Six foot four inches tall and born in a log cabin in Kentucky, Lincoln seemed a typical frontiersman as the American West pushed ever westwards. But he was also a man of ability and principle and, on becoming President of the United States of America in 1861, set out to free the slaves and save the Union – against the southern states. He did – but was assassinated days after victory.



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**ANNE FRANK** (1929-1945). The family of Anne Frank went into hiding in Amsterdam in 1942 after the Nazis occupied Holland and started deporting Jewish families. For two years the Franks and their friends lived a secret existence, cramped into a corner of an office/factory. Anne, just 13, started to keep a diary, and made regular entries during the whole time, describing their lives, their hopes and their thoughts. It is a remarkable document and shows Anne as both a unique and a very normal girl. Just months before Amsterdam was liberated, the families were discovered and Anne died in a concentration camp. But her diaries survived.



**Notes by Nicolas Soames**

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**Trevor Nichols** has read many serials and short stories for BBC Woman's Hour including *Knowledge of Angels* (Jill Paton Walsh) and *The Crossing of the Heralds* (Rose Tremain). Also Morning Story and Afternoon Story for BBC. Readings for Cleo Press and Chivers include *Gold Mine* (Wilbur Smith). Also poetry: *Trevor McDonald's Favourite Poems*. Wide range includes young voices, many regional accents – and comfortable playing women on audio!



**Katinka Wolf** (*The Scarlet Letter*, *The Pied Piper*) is a well-known figure in fringe theatre having taken a variety of roles in both classical and modern drama. She appeared in *The Duchess of Malfi* in the West End. The voice of Katinka Wolf, a fluent Dutch speaker, has been the voice of Anne in the Anne Frank Museum in Prinsengracht for more than a decade.



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**Christopher Columbus**

**CANCIONERO** MUSICAL DE PALACIO MUSIC OF  
THE SPANISH COURT (1505-1520)

8.553536

Ensemble Accentus, Thomas Wimmer, director

**Elizabeth I**, Queen of England

**DOWLAND** GALLIARD A 5

8.550331

Capella Istropolitana, Adrian Leaper

**William Shakespeare**

**HOLBORNE** HERES PATERNUS/GALLIARD/CRADLE PAVANE

8.553874

Christopher Wilson, lute

**Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart**

**MOZART** PIANO VARIATIONS VOL 1

8.550611

Francesco Nicolosi, piano

**MOZART** APOLLO ET HYACINTHUS K38 1

8.550185

Capella Istropolitana, Barry Wordsworth

**MOZART** SINFONIA CONCERTANTE

8.550418

Takako Nishizaki, Ladislav Kyselak, Capella Istropolitana, Stephen Gunzenhauser

**MOZART** THE MAGIC FLUTE

8.660030-31

conducted by Michael Halász

**MOZART** REQUIEM

8.550235

Slovak Philharmonic, Zdenek Kosler

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<b>Admiral Horatio Nelson</b>	
<b>BEETHOVEN</b> EGMONT	8.550072
Slovak Philharmonic, Zdenek Kosler	
<b>BEETHOVEN</b> TRAUERMARSCH	8.553431
Nicolaus Esterházy Sinfonia, Béla Drahos	
<b>Charles Darwin</b>	
<b>DVOŘÁK</b> IN NATURE'S REALM	8.550600
BBC Philharmonic Orchestra, Stephen Gunzenhauser	
<b>MENDELSSOHN</b> SYMPHONY NO 4	8.550957
National Symphony Orchestra of Ireland, Reinhard Seifried	
<b>Florence Nightingale</b>	
<b>RIMSKY-KORSAKOV</b> SYMPHONY NO 1	8.550811
St Petersburg State Symphony Orchestra, André Anichanov	
<b>Abraham Lincoln</b>	
<b>RIMSKY-KORSAKOV</b> SYMPHONY NO 3	8.550812
St Petersburg State Symphony Orchestra, André Anichanov	
<b>Anne Frank</b>	
<b>BARBER</b> ADAGIO	8.551149
Capella Istropolitana	

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