

Military Leaders of the Early Modern Period

Oliver Cromwell (1599-1658)

Nation: England

English military leader. Became Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England, Ireland, and Scotland.

Shivaji (1627-1680)

Nation: Maratha Empire

Founder of the Maratha Empire, which covered much of the Indian subcontinent and lasted until 1818. He established an independent Maratha kingdom with Raigad as the capital.

Peter the Great (1672-1725)

Nation: Russia

In numerous successful wars he expanded the Tsardom of Russia into an empire and Russia became a major European power.

George Washington (1732-1799)

Nation: U.S.A

A Founding Father of the United States. Was the commander of the Continental army during the American Revolution.

John Paul Jones (1747-1792)

Nation: Scotland

Scottish sailor who became the U.S.'s first well-known naval fighter in the American Revolution. Although he made enemies with a few American politicians, he was still honored for his skirmishes in British waters during the war.

Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla

(1753-1811)

Nation: Mexico

Mexican priest and a leader of Mexico's War of Independence. He had much enthusiastic support from intellectuals, liberal priests, and many poor folk who were angry after many years of oppression and hunger.

Napoleon Bonaparte (1769-1821)

Nation: France

French military leader and emperor who rose to prominence during the French Revolution and associated European wars.

Agustin de Iturbide (1783-1824)

Nation: Mexico

Built a military and political coalition that marched into Mexico City on September 27, 1821, ending the Mexican War of Independence.

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Geronimo (1829-1909)

Nation: Bedonkohe Apache

Fought against Mexico and the United States in their attempts to expand into Apache tribal lands (Apache Wars).

Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919)

Nation: U.S.A

26th U.S. president. Aside from politics, Roosevelt was famous for his achievements as an explorer, naturalist, hunter, author, and soldier.

Emilio Aguinaldo (1869-1964)

Nation: Philippines

Key figure in Philippines' revolution against Spain and Philippine-American War (War of Philippine Independence) that resisted American occupation.

Adolf Hitler (1889-1945)

Nation: Germany

Chancellor of Germany from 1933 to 1945. Ruled Nazi Germany as its dictator from 1934 to 1945. The cause of Nazism, World War II, and the Holocaust.

Che Guevara (1928-1967)

Nation: Cuba

A major figure of the Cuban Revolution. Che is an Argentine Marxist revolutionary, military theorist, diplomat, guerrilla leader, physician, and author. He is a popular symbol of counterculture and revolution.