



# Biographies

## **Emmett Till (1941–1955)**

Emmett Till was a 14-year-old African American boy from Chicago whose brutal murder while visiting relatives in Mississippi became a catalyst for the Civil Rights Movement. In August 1955, Emmett was kidnapped, tortured, and killed after being falsely accused of offending a white woman. His death—and the acquittal of his killers—exposed the deep racial violence of the era and helped awaken the conscience of a nation.

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## **Anne Frank (1929–1945)**

Anne Frank was a Jewish teenager whose diary became one of the most important personal accounts of the Holocaust. Hiding with her family in Nazi-occupied Amsterdam for over two years, Anne wrote with honesty, courage, and hope about fear, identity, and humanity. After being discovered and deported, Anne died in Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. Her diary continues to inspire generations to stand against hatred and intolerance.

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## **Mamie Till-Mobley (1921–2003)**

Mamie Till-Mobley was the mother of Emmett Till and a powerful voice for justice. After her son's murder, she made the courageous decision to hold an open-casket funeral so the world could see the violence inflicted upon him. Her strength, dignity, and determination helped galvanize the Civil Rights Movement. Mamie spent her life advocating for racial justice, education, and the preservation of her son's legacy.

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## **Otto Frank (1889–1980)**

Otto Frank was Anne Frank's father and the only member of his immediate family to survive the Holocaust. After the war, he discovered Anne's diary and dedicated his life to sharing her words with the world. Otto believed deeply in education, remembrance, and human responsibility. Through his efforts, Anne's diary became a global testament to hope, resilience, and the consequences of hatred.

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