

## Important Historical Figures

This module is designed to help the new missionary learn about the important historical figures in the host culture. While it is possible to gather this information through books or the internet, please encourage the new missionary to gather this information by talking with people on the street, neighbors, and national colleagues.

**Step 1** Identify five important historical figures from your country. For ideas of important historical figures, you may want to look at the people who are on the currency, historical monuments, statues, names of major boulevards, etc.

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**Step 2** Ask the new missionary to talk with cultural informants about these historical figures. They should gather at least the following information:

- When did this person live?
- What did this person do?
- Why is this person so famous?

### Debrief

Ask the new missionary to identify any common themes regarding the reason why each person was famous. Were most of the people military figures? Poets or artists? Political figures? Scientists?

Did any of your conversations with people give you additional insights into the values of your host culture?

Do people seem to value their history and know a great deal about historical figures, or do most people view it as irrelevant to their daily lives?