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Anton Tomaž Linhart



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Radovljica (1756 - 1795),
Carniolan playwright and historian

Best known as the author of the first comedy and theatrical play in general in Slovene, Županova Micka (Micka, the Mayor's Daughter).

Characteristics: Citizenship

Strength: Good in different languages

Weakness: The possibility of stroke during masonry

A

France Prešeren



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Vrba (1800 - 1849),
Slovene poet

Wrote the first Slovene ballad, the patriotic poem "Zdravljica" (national anthem), his poetry dealt with the love towards his homeland, the suffering humanity and his unfulfilled love.

Characteristics: Persistence

Strength: Love towards his homeland

Weakness: Troubles with alcohol

A

Peter Prevc



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Dolenja vas (1992 -),
Slovenian ski jumper

Won the 2016 Ski Jumping World Cup overall title, two Olympic medals at the 2014 Winter Olympics, the first athlete in history to land a jump of 250 m.

Characteristics: Vitality

Strength: Great athlete

Weakness: Loses focus in difficult situations

B

France Bevk



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Zakojca (1890 - 1970),
Slovene writer

Wrote over 100 books, translated some of them into many foreign languages, mostly remembered as an author of children's literature.

Characteristics: Spirituality

Strength: Leading and helping others

Weakness: Can end up in jail because of his ideas / actions

B

Luka Dončić



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Ljubljana (1999 -),
Slovenian basketball player

Started at Union Olimpija, went to Real Madrid at age 13 and to Dallas Mavericks at age 19, helped Slovenia to win its first EuroBasket in 2017.

Characteristics: Leadership

Strength: Achieves everything he wants

Weakness: Trying to do too much at times

B

Simon Gregorčič



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Vrsno (1844 - 1906),
Slovene poet and Roman Catholic priest

The first lyric poet of the Slovene realist poetry, mostly writing love, patriotic and life narrative poems, his most famous poem is dedicated to the river "To the Soča".

Characteristics: Kindness

Strength: Good with people

Weakness: Weak health

C

Ivan Cankar



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Vrhnika (1876 - 1918), Slovene writer, playwright, essayist and poet

One of four beginners of modernism in Slovene literature, regarded as the greatest writer in the Slovene language, dealt with social, national and moral themes.

Characteristics: Citizenship

Strength: Excellent in telling stories

Weakness: Ashamed of his mother

C

Srečko Kosovel



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Sežana (1904 - 1926), Slovenian poet

Considered one of central Europe's major modernist poets, wrote over 500 poems, died at 22, most of his works were published almost four decades after his death.

Characteristics: Creativity

Strength: Has constructivist ideas

Weakness: Can catch the "deadly" cold while being outside for too long

C

Vasilij Žbogar



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Koper (1975 -), Slovenian sailor

Won three medals in Summer Olympics, in 2004 and 2008 in laser class and in 2016 in Finn class.

Characteristics: Vitality

Strength: Can swim very good

Weakness: Because of a lot of trainings he has to eat a lot

D

Jože Plečnik

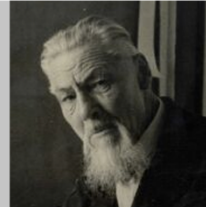


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Ljubljana (1872 - 1957), Slovene architect

Major impact on the modern architecture of Slovenia (Ljubljana), designed the iconic Triple Bridge, the Slovene National and University Library building, the Ljubljana cemetery, parks etc.

Characteristics: Creativity

Strength: Can design iconic buildings

Weakness: Has to work a lot

D

Oton Župančič



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Vinica (1878 - 1949), Slovene poet, translator and playwright

One of four beginners of modernism in Slovene literature, best known for his book of children's poetry "Ciciban", translated the majority of Shakespeare's (and other) plays in the Slovene.

Characteristics: Creativity

Strength: He is a polyglot

Weakness: Problems with learning due to lack of money

D

Primož Trubar



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Velike Lašče (1508 - 1586), Slovenian Protestant Reformer of the Lutheran tradition

Author of the first Slovene language printed books in 1550, Abecedarium and Catechismus, a key figure of Slovene history, in many aspects a major historical personality.

Characteristics: Spirituality

Strength: Can write and print books very quickly

Weakness: Can be pushed into exile due to his advanced ideas

E

Adam Bohorič

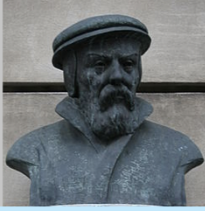


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Brestanica (1520 - 1598),
Slovene Protestant preacher and teacher

In 1584 wrote "Free Winter Hours", written in Latin, which was the first grammar of Slovene. In this book he codified the first Slovene alphabet, which was used up to 1840.

Characteristics: Leadership

Strength: Always speaks grammatically correct

Weakness: Has problems with practical work

E

Leon Štukelj



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Novo mesto (1898 - 1999),
Yugoslav gymnast

Noted figure in Slovenian sporting history, competed at seven major international competitions, won several medals, 6 of them in Olympic Games between 1924 and 1936.

Characteristics: Vitality

Strength: Has strong arms due to his daily workout on gymnastic rings

Weakness: Has a weak heart

E

Tone Pavček



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Šentjurij pri Mirni Peči (1928 - 2011),
Slovene poet, translator and essayist

Published many poems for adults and numerous fairy tales, picture books and verses for children. Received many awards for his contribution to children's literature, including Levstik Award, and was two-time nominee for the Hans Christian Andersen Award.

Characteristics: Vitality

Strength: Knows how to attract children

Weakness: Too optimistic

F

Benka Pulko

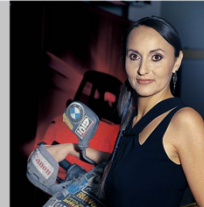


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Ptuj (1967 -),
Slovenian world traveler, motivational speaker

Travelled to all seven continents on her motorcycle from 1997 to 2002 (180,015 km and 2,000 days), established a Guinness World Record for the longest solo motorcycle ride by a woman.

Characteristics: Curiosity

Strength: Loves of freedom of movement

Weakness: Says whatever comes to her mind

F

Dejan Zavec

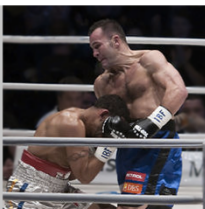


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Trdobjci (1976 -),
Slovenian boxer

Held the IBF welterweight title from 2009 to 2011, known as Mr. Sympathicus, an ambassador of fair play and the positive values of boxing.

Characteristics: Humor

Strength: Almost always wins

Weakness: Feels useless

F

Jurij Vega



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Zagorica pri Dolskem (1754 - 1802),
Slovene mathematician, physicist and artillery officer

Published a series of books of logarithm tables, collection of integrals and other useful formulae, wrote "Treasury of all Logarithm" in 1794, achieved a world record in 1789 when calculated pi to 140 places.

Characteristics: Curiosity

Strength: Successfully transformed his knowledge into battlefield problem solving

Weakness: Made a lot of enemies because of his success

G

Miki Muster



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Murska Sobota (1925 - 2018), Slovenian academic sculptor, illustrator, cartoonist

Pioneer in the field of comics and animation in Slovenia, received a series of awards for his drawing, including the highest Slovenian award for arts - the Prešeren Award for lifetime achievements.

Characteristics: Creativity

Strength: Very good at drawing

Weakness: Fear of infection

G

Tina Maze



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Črna na Koroškem (1983 -), Slovenian ski racer

Most successful Slovenian ski racer in history, won 4 medals at the Winter Olympics (2010, 2014), won in all five World Cup disciplines, reached a record number of World Cup points in one season.

Characteristics: Persistence

Strength: Never gets hurt

Weakness: Does not like to work in a group

G

Vlado Kreslin



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Beltinci (1953 -), Slovenian singer-songwriter and folk rock musician

One of the best known Slovenian musicians, constantly performing worldwide, his genre is a type of blues mixed with Slovene folk music.

Characteristics: Creativity

Strength: Has a beautiful voice

Weakness: Does not have time to sleep