

# The World's Most Powerful Leaders

## 1. Fill in the gaps with the following words:

invincible (x2) expelled prowess in the wake cunning forge  
carried the weight moral fibre go to his head usher allying

## 2. Then match the descriptions to the pictures



Nero



Batu Khan



Queen Victoria



Alexander the Great



Hatshepsut



Cleopatra



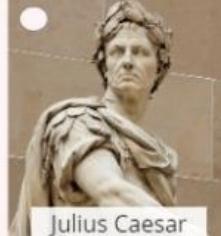
Napoleon Bonaparte



Queen Elizabeth I



Ghengis Khan



Julius Caesar

This mighty ruler 1)\_\_\_\_\_ of the world on his shoulders at an early age when his mother claimed he was the son of Zeus, destined to completely reconstitute the world order. He was able to 2)\_\_\_\_\_ this path since his father equipped him with the most dangerous standing army. His unwavering commitment to his heroic narrative sent him on a crash course to turning a humble state into the largest and most influential empires and becoming one of the greatest leaders in history through passion and military 3)\_\_\_\_\_.

Although he may not be considered a great leader in terms of 8)\_\_\_\_\_, he was a key figure in shaping the landscape of the ancient world. He united nomadic tribes under one flag and forged a mighty empire that swept through China and Central Asia. His nomad horsemen proved almost completely 9)\_\_\_\_\_ in the field. Only his death by old age stopped his hordes from rewriting the history of Europe forever.

This unquestioned leader rose from humble beginnings as a lesser noble to control of a post-revolutionary country and later much of the continent. Feeling utterly 4)\_\_\_\_\_, he let his success 5)\_\_\_\_\_ and was eventually defeated by a stronger opponent. He was 6)\_\_\_\_\_ from his own country to spend the rest of life on a tiny island.

He was a towering figure of ancient times, a populist politician and brilliant military strategist who overthrew a corrupt republic and crowned himself dictator for life. His victory in a civil war led to a short-lived peace, but 10)\_\_\_\_\_ of his assassination, the civil war flared anew, and when it was over, the Republic was gone.

One of the longest-reigning monarchs in history, who survived eight assassination attempts to 7)\_\_\_\_\_ in a new era which was marked by sweeping advancements in science and technology, including the smallpox vaccine and the telegraph.

While many chapters of modern history have inaccurately described her as a seductive temptress whose illicit affairs cost the country its rule, the reality of the matter is she was one of the most effective and dynamic rulers who led the country with great 11)\_\_\_\_\_ in the face of a mighty neighbour, 12)\_\_\_\_\_ with one Caesar and then another to keep her land independent.