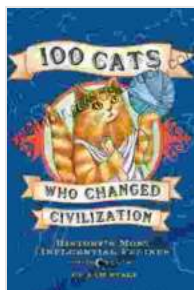# 100 Cats Who Changed Civilization: From Ancient Egypt to Modern Day

Cats have been a part of human civilization for thousands of years. They have been revered as gods, used as tools for hunting and pest control, and simply loved as companions. Throughout history, there have been many

cats who have made a significant impact on the world. Here are 100 of the most notable cats who changed civilization:

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Ancient Egypt

Cats were first domesticated in ancient Egypt around 4,000 years ago. They were considered sacred animals, and were often mummified after they died. The goddess Bastet was often depicted as a cat, and cats were often kept in temples as her representatives.

- **Bubastis** was a sacred cat who lived in the temple of Bastet in Bubastis. She was believed to be the daughter of the goddess, and was worshipped by the people of Bubastis.

- **Mahes** was a war god who was often depicted as a cat. He was believed to be the son of Bastet, and was worshipped by soldiers and warriors.

- **Tefnut** was a goddess who was often depicted as a cat. She was believed to be the daughter of Ra, the sun god, and was worshipped

as the goddess of moisture and fertility.

Medieval Europe

Cats were introduced to Europe by the Romans. They were initially used for hunting and pest control, but they soon became popular pets. In the Middle Ages, cats were often associated with witchcraft and heresy. However, they were also valued for their ability to catch mice and rats.

- **Gib** was a cat who belonged to Pope Gregory IX. He was believed to be a demon, and was said to have been able to speak human languages.

- **Puss in Boots** was a cat who appeared in a popular fairy tale. He was known for his intelligence and cunning, and helped his master to win the hand of a princess.

- **Tom Cat** was a cat who appeared in a popular nursery rhyme. He was known for his laziness and his love of milk.

The Renaissance

The Renaissance was a time of great cultural and intellectual change in Europe. Cats were often depicted in art and literature during this period. They were seen as symbols of beauty, grace, and mystery.

- **Leonardo da Vinci** was a famous artist who often depicted cats in his paintings. His most famous painting of a cat is the "Mona Lisa".

- **William Shakespeare** was a famous playwright who often mentioned cats in his plays. In his play "Hamlet", the character of Ophelia is often seen with a cat.

- **Michelangelo** was a famous sculptor who often depicted cats in his sculptures. His most famous sculpture of a cat is the "Pietà".

The Enlightenment

The Enlightenment was a time of great intellectual and scientific progress in Europe. Cats were often used in scientific experiments during this period. They were also popular pets among philosophers and scientists.

- **Isaac Newton** was a famous scientist who often experimented on cats. He is said to have once put a cat in a vacuum chamber to see if it would suffocate.

- **Voltaire** was a famous philosopher who often wrote about cats. He believed that cats were superior to humans in many ways.

- **Benjamin Franklin** was a famous statesman and inventor who often kept cats. He is said to have once said, "A cat can look at a king as a king looks at a cat."

The Victorian Era

The Victorian Era was a time of great social and economic change in Britain. Cats were popular pets during this period, and were often seen as symbols of respectability and refinement.

- **Alice's Cat** was a cat who appeared in Lewis Carroll's famous novel "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland". He was known for his intelligence and his love of riddles.

- **Puss** was a cat who belonged to Queen Victoria. He was her favorite pet, and was often seen by her side.

- **Tiddles** was a cat who belonged to the poet William Wordsworth. He was Wordsworth's muse, and is said to have inspired many of his poems.

The 20th Century

The 20th century was a time of great technological and social change. Cats continued to be popular pets during this period, and were often seen as symbols of comfort and companionship.

- **Felix the Cat** was a popular cartoon character who appeared in animated films and television shows. He was known for his mischievous personality and his catchphrase, "Felix the Cat!"

- **Garfield** is a popular comic strip character who was created by Jim Davis. He is known for his love of lasagna and his lazy personality.

- **Whiskas** is a popular brand of cat food that was created in the 1950s. It is one of the most popular brands of cat food in the world.
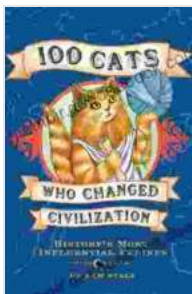
The 21st Century

The 21st century is a time of great change and uncertainty. Cats continue to be popular pets, and are often seen as symbols of hope and resilience.

- **Grumpy Cat** was a popular internet meme who became famous for her grumpy facial expression. She was a symbol of hope and inspiration for many people who felt like they didn't fit in.

- **Lil Bub** was a popular internet meme who became famous for her dwarfism and her cheerful personality. She was a symbol of hope and inspiration for many people who faced challenges in life.

- **Nala Cat** is a popular Instagram cat with over 4 million followers. She is known for her beautiful blue eyes and her playful personality.

Cats have been a part of human civilization for thousands of years, and have made a significant impact on the world. From the sacred cats of ancient Egypt to the popular pets of today, cats have siempre been a part of our lives. They have inspired artists, writers, and musicians, and have been the subject of scientific experiments and studies. Cats continue to be a source of comfort, companionship, and joy for people all over the world.

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