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**Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn** (1918-2008)

(Russian author, war hero in the 2nd WW, anti-Communist dissident, sentenced 1945 to 8 years of forced labour, imprisoned in Siberia, survived cancer and KGB assassination attempts, Nobel Prize for literature, then exile in the West and deprived of Soviet citizenship; returned to Russia c. 1994, critic of "new Russia" after Communism)

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