

History isn't horrible. It's *people* that are horrible. Here are some of the most vicious ones:

Christopher Columbus - Maximilien Robespierre - ~~Ivan the Terrible~~ - Grigori Rasputin - Adolf Hitler - Agrippina - Josef Stalin - Count Dracula - Francisco Pizarro - Henry VIII - Lucrezia Borgia - Tomàs de Torquemada - Attila the Hun - William T. Sherman



<p>He was mad, of course. He even killed his own son in a rage and some of his eight wives. No one was safe in his palace: a French visitor had his hat nailed to his head and a messenger had a foot nailed to the floor.</p>	<p><i>Ivan the Terrible</i></p>
<p>The Russian royal family thought this mad monk was wonderful and gave him more and more power. In the end he ran – and ruined – Russia. In 1916 finally his enemies murdered him – but they had to poison, shoot AND drown him</p>	
<p>Germany had lost World War I. He said the Jews were to blame. The Germans believed him. He said the answer was to get rid of the Jews. The Germans believed him. They killed six million. He lost the war and shot himself.</p>	
<p>The greatest killer in all history. Probably to blame for the deaths of 50 million people – most of them on his side! His secret police wiped out anyone who stood in his way. But he won World War II so everyone let him get away with it.</p>	
<p>He captured the Inca chief Atahualpa. Atahualpa said, "If I fill this room with gold and silver will you set me free?" He answered, "Yes". Once the room was full of treasure, he had Atahualpa strangled.</p>	
<p>It is said that the Italian duchess wore a ring that was filled with poison. Her husband's enemies were invited to a meeting and she served them wine – then slipped in the poison.</p>	
<p>He was a general and led US settlers attempt to wipe out the native American Indians. He said, "The more I see of these Indians, the more sure I am they all have to be killed." Trouble is the Americans believed this ruthless man.</p>	
<p>A Spanish monk. Peaceful job? No, he decided Jews were dangerous people and he would torture people to discover who were good Christians and who were not. The ones who lived through the torture were usually burned.</p>	
<p>He used to take his prisoners of war and stick them on top of a sharpened pole arranged around his camp. He enjoyed a tasty dinner while the victims screamed and died all around him.</p>	
<p>A ruthless ruler who solved most of his problems by having people executed. Even his friends and wives often ended up with their heads on the block. Greedy, stupid and cruel – just the sort of person that often became a king.</p>	
<p>He was a warrior leader and ruled through terror. His men were told; "Go and wipe out that city – so the next city we come to will be so scared they'll give up without a fight." And it worked. They say he enjoyed eating raw flesh and drinking human blood.</p>	
<p>She married Emperor Claudius and poisoned him when he became fed up with her. She made sure her son Nero became emperor and carried on running the empire – till Nero said, "Sorry, Mum" and had her murdered.</p>	
<p>He discovered America and thought, "Great! All these Indians will make me lots of money when I sell them as slaves." Started the evil Atlantic trade of slavery that brought misery to millions. He also discovered tobacco – and that has brought death to billions!</p>	
<p>In the French Revolution he led the "Terror" in which 1,285 people went to the guillotine in just six weeks. But in the end the guillotine got him too.</p>	