

Famous Homeschooled Heroes

Many famous people owe their success to the discipline, self-confidence and educational freedom they enjoyed while being homeschooled.

Presidents

John Adams

John Quincy Adams

Grover Cleveland

James Garfield

William Henry Harrison

Andrew Jackson

Thomas Jefferson

Abraham Lincoln

James Madison

Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Theodore Roosevelt

John Tyler

George Washington

Woodrow Wilson

Statesmen

Winston Churchill

Henry Clay

Benjamin Franklin

Alexander Hamilton

Patrick Henry

William Penn

Daniel Webster

Military Leaders

Alexander the Great - Greek Ruler

Stonewall Jackson - Civil War General

John Paul Jones - Father of the American Navy

Robert E. Lee - Civil War General

Douglas MacArthur - U.S. General

George Patton - U.S. General

Matthew Perry - Naval officer who opened up trade with Japan

John Pershing - U.S. General

U.S. Supreme Court Judges

John Jay

John Marshall

Sandra Day O'Connor

John Rutledge

Scientists

George Washington Carver

Albert Einstein

Michael Faraday - Electrochemist

Oliver Heaviside - Physicist and electromagnetism researcher

Blaise Pascal

Booker T. Washington

Artists

William Blake

John Singleton Copley

Claude Monet

Grandma Moses

Charles Peale

Leonardo da Vinci

Andrew and Jamie Wyeth

Religious Leaders

Joan of Arc

Dwight L. Moody

John & Charles Wesley

Brigham Young

Inventors

Alexander Graham Bell - Invented the telephone

John Moses Browning - Firearms inventor and designer

Peter Cooper - Invented skyscraper, built first U.S. commercial locomotive

Thomas Edison - Invented the stock ticker, mimeograph, phonograph, and perfected the electric light bulb

Benjamin Franklin - Invented the lightning rod

Elias Howe - Invented sewing machine

William Lear - Airplane creator

Cyrus McCormick - Invented grain reaper

Guglielmo Marconi - Developed radio

Eli Whitney - Invented the cotton gin

Sir Frank Whittle - Invented turbo jet engine

Orville and Wilbur Wright - Built the first successful airplane

Composers

Irving Berlin

Noel Coward

Felix Mendelssohn

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

John Philip Sousa

Writers

Hans Christian Anderson

Pearl S. Buck

William F. Buckley, Jr.

Agatha Christie

Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain)

Charles Dickens

Robert Frost - Pulitzer Prize-winning poet

Alex Haley – Author of *Roots*, the popular mini-series

Brett Harte

C.S. Lewis

Christopher Paolini - Author of #1 NY Times bestseller, Eragon

Beatrix Potter - Author of the beloved Peter Rabbit Tales

Carl Sandburg

George Bernard Shaw

Mattie J. T. Stepanek - 11-year-old author of Heartsongs

Walt Whitman

Laura Ingalls Wilder

Educators

Amos Bronson Alcott - Innovative teacher, father of Louisa May Alcott

Catharine Beecher - Co-founder of the Hartford Female Seminary

Jill Ker Conway - First woman president of Smith College

Timothy Dwight - President of Yale University

William Samuel Johnson - President of Columbia College

Horace Mann - "Father of the American Common School"

Charlotte Mason - Founder of Charlotte Mason College of Education

Fred Terman - President of Stanford University

Frank Vandiver - President of Texas A&M University

Booker T. Washington - Founder of Tuskegee Institute

John Witherspoon - President of Princeton University

Performing Artists

Louis Armstrong - King of jazz

Barlow Girl - Alyssa, Rebecca, and Lauren Contemporary Christian Music

Charlie Chaplin - Actor

Whoopi Goldberg - Actress

Jennifer Love Hewitt - Actress

Jonas Brothers - Kevin, Joe, and Nick Performers

Yehudi Menuhin - Child prodigy violinist

Frankie Muniz - Child actor

LeAnne Rimes - Teen-prodigy country music singer

Business Entrepreneurs

Andrew Carnegie - Wealthy steel industrialist

Amadeo Giannini - Bank of America's founder

Horace Greeley - New York Tribune founder

Soichiro Honda - Creator of the Honda automobile company

Peter Kindersley - Book illustrator and publisher

Ray Kroc - Founder of McDonald's fast food restaurant chain

Dr. Orison Swett Marden - Founder, Success magazine

Adolph Ochs - New York Times founder

Joseph Pulitzer - Newspaper publisher; established Pulitzer Prize

Colonel Harland Sanders - Started Kentucky Fried Chicken

Dave Thomas - Founder of the Wendy's restaurant chain

Mariah Witcher - Founder of Mariah's Famous Cookies

Others

Abigail Adams - Wife of John Adams; mother of John Quincy Adams

Ansel Adams - Photographer

Susan B. Anthony - Reformer and women's rights leader

John James Audubon - Ornithologist and artist

Clara Barton - Started the Red Cross

Elizabeth Blackwell - First woman in the U.S. to receive a medical degree

George Rogers Clark - Explorer
Davy Crockett - Frontiersman
Taylor Gladstone – Ballerina
Eric Hoffer - Social philosopher
Sam Houston - Lawyer; first president of the Republic of Texas
Charles Evans Hughes - Jurist; Chief Justice
Mary D. Leakey - Fossil hunter; wife of Richard Leakey
Tamara McKinney - World Cup Skier
Harriet Martineau - First woman sociologist
Margaret Mead - Cultural anthropologist
John Stuart Mill - Free-market Economist
Charles Louis Montesquieu - Philosopher
Florence Nightingale - Nurse
Thomas Paine - Political writer during the American Revolution
Lia Del Priore - Award Winning Gymnast
Bill Ridell - Newspaperman
Will Rogers - Humorist
Bertrand Russell - Logician
Jim Ryan - World Runner
Albert Schweitzer - Physician
Sir Ernest Shackleton - Explorer
Herbert Spencer - Philosopher, sociologist
Balaram Stack - Award winning Surfer
Gloria Steinem - Founder and long-time editor of Ms. magazine
Jason Taylor - Plays in the National Football League
Tim Tebow – Heisman Trophy winner and professional football player
Mary Walker - Civil War physician; recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor
Lester Frank Ward - "Father of American Sociology"
Martha Washington - Wife of George Washington
Frances E. C. Willard - Educator, temperance leader, and suffragist
Venus and Serena Williams - Tennis star sisters
Frank Lloyd Wright - Architect

Famous Homeschool Parents

Michael Card - Singer, songwriter

Mike Farris - Lawyer and co-founder of Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA)

Robert Frost - Pulitzer Prize-winning poet

Christopher Klicka - Attorney and Senior Counsel of Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA)

Len Munsil - Attorney and President of The Center for Arizona Policy (CAP)

Paul Overstreet - Musician, songwriter

Kelly Preston - Actress, wife of John Travolta

Mike Smith - Lawyer and co-founder of Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA)

Will Smith - Singer, actor

John Travolta - Actor, pilot

Darrell Waltrip - NASCAR Racer

Lisa Whelchel - Former actress, "The Facts of Life", now a pastor's wife and author