

THE HISTORIC CHARACTERS



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Samuel Clemens (AKA; Mark Twain) Writer 1835-1910 Born; Florida, Missouri USA Childhood skills; Makeshift river rafts. Cave exploring. Adult work; 2nd Lt. Army, Riverboat Pilot. Losses; Child and wife to illness. Automatic typesetting machine. Gains; Financial recovery through worldwide lecture tour. "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer." recognized worldwide. Personal philosophy; Respect the minorities and the working class.



Emily Dickinson (AKA; Lady in White) Writer 1830-1886 Born; Amherst, Massachusetts. Childhood skills; Being quiet while absorbing vast amounts of information and literature. Adult work; Was recognized for her widely publicized "New age" poetry. Cared for her sick mother. Ran a large household alone. Losses; Unrequited love. Loss of family members to illness. Gains; World read published works. "...but I do not cross my father's ground to any house or town." Personal philosophy; Reclusive. Loved her dog and sunsets. Loyal to her family.

Josephine Baker (AKA; Black Pearl) Entertainer 1906-1975



Born; St. Louis, Missouri USA Childhood skills; In a harsh economy, a quick, light Josephine could gather coal from trains. And charm fruit from growers at the market. Known for making comic faces, dancing the Charleston and the Crab Step. Adult work; First black woman in motion pictures. Assisted with the WWII French Resistance Losses; Slow acceptance in USA. Gains; Lived in a French castle with her 12 adopted multiracial children. Received full French military honor. Personal philosophy; Loved her Grandmother. Lived her dream through pain, hard work and sacrifice.

Charles Spencer Chaplin (AKA; Little Tramp) Entertainer 1889-1977 Born; Walworth, London, England, UK. Childhood skills; Age five stage performer, tap dancer. Child of music hall performers. Adult work; icon of silent film era. Built chaplin studios. Director. Losses; Stable home. Travel caused him to live in boarding houses Gains; Academy award honorary Oscar. Personal philosophy; The screen is a powerful tool for education art, entertainment.



Giacomo Casanova (AKA; Casanova) Librarian, writer 1725-1798 Born; Venice, Italy Childhood skills; Self described late bloomer. Raised by maternal grand-mother. Parents were actors. Adult work; Studied Law. Librarian. Author of several books. Losses; was arrested. Sent to piombi's prison for voicing his opinion too loudly. Gains; Worked as a secret agent in Venice for the very people who arrested him. Charm opened doors to church and state. Socialized with the French ambassador. Personal philosophy; Respect women for their brains as well as their looks. "To be happy, it seems to me, one needs only a library." Disliked miserly people.

Gabrielle Bonheur Chanel (AKA; CoCo Chanel) Fashion designer, Business woman. 1883-1971 Born; Saumur, France. Childhood skills; Taught by nuns to sew. Raised in orphanage. Adult work; Business; Women's hat shop. Worked as a nurse during WWII. Losses; Her first love. Slow Hollywood approval. Gains; Perfume, eliminated corsets. Little black dress Personal philosophy; Modernist application of men's wear for women. First step in women's equality.



Mohandas Gandhi (AKA; Mahatma-Great soul) Political and spiritual leader. 1869-1948 Born; Porbandar, India Childhood skills; Developed philosophy of truth and love through childhood stories. Believed there was more to life than increasing it's speed. Adult work; Fasted for political leverage. 241 mile march to protest salt tax. Losses; Suffered malaria and the loss of his wife. Gains; Honored as the father of the Indian Nation. Freedom from imports by promoting home spun cotton. Worked for human rights in South Africa. Personal philosophy; Nonviolent self rule. "Be the change you wish to see in the world."



Marie Sklodowska-Curie (AKA; Madame Curie) Physicist and chemist. 1867-1934 Born; Warsaw, Vistula land Childhood skills; Serious student in Warsaw. Spent time in countryside with family. Adult work; First female professor at the University of Paris. Created the theory of radioactivity. Discovery of radium and polonium-named after Poland. First cancer treatment using radioactive isotopes. Losses; Mother and sister died from typhus and TB. Husband from street accident. Gains; Nobel Prize in Physics and Chemistry. Philosophy; Politics and gender bias should not stand in the way of education.



Tyrannosaurus Rex (AKA; T-Rex) Carnivore. AKA T-Rex. Lived 67 million years ago. Bones discovered in 1876 Montana, USA, Childhood size; 500kg . 7 meters long. Adult size; 5-7 Tons, 12.6 m (41 ft) long. Losses; Extreme climate changes, possible volcanic ..



Tyrannosaurus Rex... explosions, meteorites, bad food. Gains; Top of the food chain. Could gobble food with just two fingers and 50-60 teeth. Traveled a lot. Bones found in Mongolia, China and Saskatchewan, Canada. AKA; T-Rex. Personal Philosophy; Eat to live.