Read the passage and answer the following questions:

3 Famous Business Icons To Learn From

Do you ever find yourself assuming that every multimillionaire made it there because of **his** or her family's money? Although this is true for some business men and women, for the majority it's not. Many of the wealthiest business icons today started at the bottom and worked their way up. With determination, **perseverance**, and a little pinch of luck, the following business men and woman found their way to the top of their respective industries.

Donald Trump

According to a BBC News article entitled *Donald Trump: The secret of his success*, Trump had quite the journey to the top. At a very young age Trump realized his dream of owning his own real-estate company. Following in the footsteps of his father Trump soon learned the ins and outs of the industry. In his early twenty's Trump used his perfected powers of persuasion to land a spot in Manhattan's most prestigious business club. Unlike the other members of this club, Trump was the only individual who did not own his own company and was not a multimillionaire. While in the club, Trump gained many contacts and met many of his future clients. He is now the owner of The Miss Universe organization, Trump Towers, casinos, resorts, hotels, golf courses, entertainment complexes, and a co-producer of *The Apprentice*. Donald Trump may have come from **humble** beginnings but the empire he built for himself is truly exquisite.

Oprah Winfrey

According to *The New York Times* article*: Oprah Winfrey,* Winfrey also had large **obstacle**s in life. She was in-between living with her mother and grandmother. After escaping her rough childhood she grew up to land her own talk show. After several years on the talk show she developed her own production company (HARPO Productions, Inc.). She then purchased her talk show from the prior network. She is the first woman in history to own her own talk show and produce **it**. Oprah shows the true potential of women in the business market. With a will to fight for your dreams being extremely successful is possible.

Bill Gates

The New York Times also did an excellent article covering the life and success of this man. Although many business people today have college degrees; Gates did not. After trying college for a year, Gates dropped out after realizing it was not for **him**. He committed his entire being to one thing: computer software. After years of effort

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and determination he created a gem, At the age of 26, he became of the CEO and **chairman** of Microsoft. To this day Microsoft is a household name and stands near the top of its industry. Bill Gates proves that success can be achieved through **unconventional** means. It does not take a college degree or millions of dollars to create a billion dollar company.

5. **How did some businessmen and woman find their way to the top of their respective industries?** *
(2 Points)

6. **Who was Donald Trump's spark?** *
(2 Points)

7. **How was Oprah Winfrey's childhood?**
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(2 Points)

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8. **Get a word from paragraph (1) that means "symbol"**

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(1 Point)

9. **The word " perseverance" in paragraph (1) means**

..... .**(answer with one word or synonym only)** *

(2 Points)

10. **The word " humble" in paragraph (2) means ..... .**

(answer with one word or synonym only)

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(1 Point)

11. **Get a word from paragraph (2) that means "distinguished"**

..... *

(1 Point)

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12. **The word " obstacle" in paragraph (3) means ..... .**
(answer with one word or synonym only)
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(1 Point)

13. **Get a word from paragraph (3) that means "ability" .....**
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(1 Point)

14. **The word " chairman" in paragraph (4) means ..... .**
(answer with one word or synonym only)
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(1 Point)

15. **The word " unconventional" in paragraph (4) means ..... .**
(answer with one word or synonym only)
*
(1 Point)

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16. **Get a word from paragraph (4) that means "give up or quit" ..... ***
(1 Point)

17. **Get a word from paragraph (4) that means "famous or widely-known" ..... ***
(1 Point)

18. **The pronoun "his" in paragraph (1) refers to ..... ***
(1.5 Points)

19. **The pronoun "him" in paragraph (4) refers to ..... ***
(1.5 Points)

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