

Inspirational people who followed their dreams

A. Steve Jobs



Steve Jobs is one among the famous personalities who brought into light the much famous brand called "Apple" which actually doesn't require any introduction!

He dropped college after the first semester and went to Atari and saved money to start his own company. After that, alongside the talented engineer Steve Wozniak, he founded Apple in 1976.

Despite all the difficulties and failures, Steve remained the major driving force to turn this company into one of the most significant and valuable tech companies worldwide.

This incredibly talented man made an immeasurable difference in the industry and also the way we use technology in our daily lives – he is one of the most genuine pioneers that can be named who greatly influenced the progress of the industry and will be remembered for that for centuries.

B. Michael Jordan



Basketball team in his school rejected Michael Jordan based on his height. However, passion yearned him to be a basketball legend.

Michael Jordan has always been a gym rat who keeps practising his shots at the basketball court. When there was a vacancy for the player, he was selected.

Michael Jordan was once a young boy whose dreams of being a basketball player were shattered by his tall stature but his hard work made him one of the best basketball players.

In addition to the incredible move of changing from an ostracised to the great basketball player, Michael Jordan's diligence, mentoring, and the six times NBA

champions – Chicago bulls make him to be among the best basketball players ever.

Even today, it is said he is touching millions of upcoming athletes globally by his spirit of perseverance.

C. Walt Disney



At the school, Walter Elias Disney was a talented boy who knew to make random cartoon sketches. At the age of 19, he began a cartoon motion picture company.

But at the age of 22, he failed and became bankrupt. Disney changed the entertainment business when he co-founded the Walt Disney Company that later grew to become one of the largest entertainment companies in the world.

Apart from Mickey Mouse he created other characters that are very iconic such as Donald Duck, Goofy among others thus making an indelible mark on popular culture.

His entrepreneurial mind led to the creation of Disneyland in the year 1955, this was one of scaled entertainment in theme parks.

Disney's company did not die with him but developed to become a large corporation that not only deals with producing cartoons and movies but also owning radio and television networks, theme parks, and film industries.

Walt Disney is a hero for the people across the globe because of his tenacity, innovativeness and how he was able to transform challenges into opportunities whereby he was able to make people believe in the dream he had of entertaining people through his creations.

D. Malala Yousafzai

Malala Yousafzai – the girl who fought for all girls' rights to go to school and is the youngest Nobel Prize winner. Named Malala, she was born in Pakistan's Swat Valley and had grown to be very vocal for girl's education.



She had a bleak future when the Taliban seized her region and closed all schools for girls. Unabated, the young girl started blogging for the BBC under a fake identity and wrote about her experiences and her right to learn.

In 2012, the Taliban threatened Malala because of her activism and she was shot in the head on her way from school. She, however, pulled through as a real survivalist and came out even stronger; her fight for girl's education for girls continued at the international level.

This young activist collaborated with the UK journalist, author, and winner of Commonwealth Writers Prize for best book for children and young adults- Christine Lamb to write a memoir of It, which quickly became a global sensation and brought creation.

Today, she, through the Malala Fund, continues to advocate for girl's right to twelve years of free, safe, quality education. Based on the life experience of Malala, the students are encouraged to fight for their rights despite the coming odds.

Read the text and answer the questions, choosing A, B, C or D:

1. Who dropped out of college? _____
2. Who lost all their money when they started doing business? _____
3. Who was rejected based on their physical appearance? _____
4. Who won the Novel Prize? _____
5. Who got successful because of their hard work and a lot of training?

6. Who started their own blog under a big news company? _____
7. Who started working in another company before starting their own?

8. Who ventured into creating not only digital products but also real-life entertainment such as amusement parks? _____