

Think you know our state's MOST famous people? Then let's play . . .

Famous Iowans

Instructions : select ONE answer for each of the following questions?

WHO qualifies as "Iowan?" We consider people an Iowan if they were born in Iowa, lived in Iowa during an important time of their life, or did their most important work here. We're proud to claim these men and women as our "most famous." Theodore Roosevelt was right!

1 Born in Canada in 1845 he became a "magnetic healer" in Burlington & Davenport, Iowa. He performed the world's first chiropractic adjustment; earning him the title "father of chiropractic medicine." Who is this famous Iowan?

_____ Daniel Palmer _____ Horatio Alger _____ Bryce Hawkins
_____ B.J. Tanner _____ Karl King _____ Dr. Louis B. Mayo

2 He came from Mason City, and had a successful career as a composer, songwriter, conductor and playwright. He was a member of John Philip Sousa's band and it was his love of marching band music that led to his best-known musical play, *The Music Man*.

_____ Clayton Manning _____ Maynard Fox _____ Meredith Willson
_____ Stephen Starr _____ Bill Weaber _____ Timothy Pemberton

3 He was born a slave in Missouri yet overcame it to study piano at Simpson College, first black student and, later, first black instructor at Iowa State Agricultural College in Ames. The "father of modern peanut farming" he found 300+ uses for peanuts.

_____ Emmett Creel _____ Bat Masterson _____ James Lobeley
_____ George W. Carver _____ Simon Estes _____ Henry Wallace

4 A native of LeClaire, he went on to become one of the most famous Americans of all-time; creating a legendary, larger-than-life image synonymous with "the Old West." He made his career on the Great Plains and died in Denver, but never forgot his Iowa roots.

_____ Kit Carson _____ Marvin Cone _____ (Buffalo Bill) Cody
_____ Wyatt Earp _____ Ralph Grimes _____ Alberto Montalvo

5 A farm boy from Adair County he went on to become Secretary of Agriculture, Secretary of Commerce and eventually 33rd Vice President of the United States (on the ticket with F.D.R.). He was also a world-renowned expert on corn hybridization.

_____ Henry Wallace _____ George Wallace _____ Alfred Diggins
_____ Louis W. Menk _____ Jesse Holman Jones _____ Harry S. Truman

6 This enterprising young man arrived in Iowa by covered wagon in 1867 and worked out the design of a gas-powered washing machine with an "agitator" that forced water through the clothes, a new innovation at the time. Who was he?

_____ Fred Maytag _____ Morris Bain _____ Leonard Winstead
_____ Horace Kearney _____ Melvin Timken _____ Timothy Fay

7 This native of Davenport was a well-known jazz coronet player, pianist & composer who became one of America's top big band leaders. He died when only 28 years old.

_____ Tony Bennett _____ Louis Armstrong _____ "Bix" Biederbecke
_____ Tommy Dorsey _____ Lamont Cranston _____ Jackie Gleason

8 He was born in Illinois but spent his formative years in Pella. During his remarkable life he was a farmer, teamster, buffalo hunter, gambler, salon-keeper, miner & boxing referee! He's best known for his role in the famed shootout at the OK Corral.

_____ Bat Masterson _____ Brett Maverick _____ Johnny Behan
_____ Marvin Trausch _____ Wyatt Earp _____ Henry Singleton

9 Born George Brewer in Woolstock in 1914 he's best known for his role as "Superman" in the television series of the same name, popular throughout the 1950s.

_____ Jerry Keifer _____ William Shaftner _____ Lester B. Pearson
_____ Cleve Summers _____ George Reeves _____ Clifford Berry

10 This renowned opera singer was born in Centerville in 1938. He's sung in most of the world's opera houses as well as for presidents, popes and others. He calls the Iowa State Fair (where he still regularly appears) as "the sentimental heart of our state."

_____ Pat Boone _____ E.T. Meredith _____ D.D. Palmer
_____ Simon Estes _____ Alfred Kahn _____ Raoul Escobar

11 Best known for his paintings depicting the American Midwest, especially *American Gothic*, he was born in Anamosa and lived most of his life in Cedar Rapids.

_____ Marvin Cone _____ Mauricio Lasansky _____ Grant Wood
_____ Sigmund Lathrope _____ Stanley K. Allbecker _____ Hoyt Brawner

12 Born to a prosperous Boone meat-packer, she was raised in a genteel home in Cedar Rapids, attended an exclusive boarding school in Denver and became one of the most beloved first ladies in the 20th Century. Who was she?

_____ Clara Barton _____ Mamie Doud _____ Carrie Chapman Catt
_____ Jane Smiley _____ Elizabeth Browning _____ Otilia Widenbach

13 Born in Pennsylvania, he spent most of his life in Fort Dodge where his career as bandleader and composer qualifies him as Iowa's "real Music Man." His marches are still played today and a statue in Ft Dodge's Library Park commemorates his remarkable life.

_____ Meredith Wilson _____ Mackinlay Kantor _____ Maurico Lasansky
_____ Karl King _____ Alfred Lindquist _____ Prof. Harold Hill

14 Which famous Iowan was born in Des Moines, graduated from Roosevelt High in 1944 and worked in movies and TV; most famously as the nosy landlady and friend of Mary Tyler Moore on the popular network TV show of the same name?

_____ Ethel Mertz _____ Cloris Leachman _____ Hedda Hopper
_____ Lucille Ball _____ Donna Reed _____ Carol Burnett

15 He's known in the world of mathematics as "father of scientific survey sampling" and invented a poll still considered the most accurate gauge of public opinion ever devised. He attended the University of Iowa where he played football and edited *The Daily Iowan*.

_____ George Gallup _____ Buddy Robinson _____ Burt Gray
_____ Dave Lennox _____ Alton Clayburgh _____ Bryce Hawkins

16 Born in Corning in 1925 this famous Iowan grew up in Norfolk Nebraska and got his start in broadcasting at WOW Radio in Omaha. He once wrote comedy routines for Red Skelton before going on to host his own TV show, which ran for over 30 years.

_____ Ray Combs _____ Johnny Carson _____ Ralph Salazar
_____ Simon Estes _____ Ed McMahon _____ Rob Petrie

17 Born on a farm near Clarinda in 1904 he went on to become one of the most famous bandleaders, musicians, arrangers and composers of the big band era. His most famous song – the instrumental tour de force *In the Mood* – is still widely played today.

_____ Artie Shaw _____ Gene Kelley _____ Glenn Miller
_____ Harrison Taylor _____ Ozzie Nelson _____ Benny Goodman

18 Our 31st President, he's blamed for the Great Depression and one of only two US Presidents without electoral experience or high military rank. A mining engineer and author he's a national hero in Belgium, which he saved from starvation in 1914.

_____ Calvin Coolidge _____ Burston Marsteller _____ Herbert Hoover
_____ Theodore Roosevelt _____ Henry Wallace _____ Franklin Roosevelt

19 Born in Winterset he became one of the most popular film stars of all time, starring in such films as *Stagecoach* (1939), *She Wore a Yellow Ribbon* (1949), *Sands of Iwo Jima* (1949) and *The Quiet Man* (1952). An airport in Southern California is named for him.

_____ Wayne Kirkpatrick _____ John Wayne _____ Phillip Miller
_____ Allen Benjamin _____ Burt Reynolds _____ Gary Moore

20 Born and raised on a farm outside Denison, her Hollywood film career was launched in *It's a Wonderful Life*. She won an Academy Award for *From Here to Eternity* in 1952.

_____ Loretta Young _____ Lucille Ball _____ Marilyn Monroe
_____ Coretta King _____ Vivian Leigh _____ Donna Reed