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Famous Americans

Benjamin Franklin - 26

- A - Without justice, courage is weak.
- B - There is no little enemy.
- C - Lost time is never found again.
- D - In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes.
- E - Three may keep a secret, if two are dead.
- F - Tell me... I'll forget; Teach me... I'll remember; Involve me... I'll learn.
- G - Well done is better than well said.
- H - At twenty years of age the will reigns; at thirty the wit; at forty the judgment.
- I - A republic, if you can keep it.

Ralph Waldo Emerson - 27

- A - Without ambition one starts nothing. Without work one finishes nothing. The prize will not be sent to you. You have to win it.
- B - A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds.
- C - Thou art to me a delicious torment.
- D - There is a time in every man's education when he arrives at the conviction that envy is ignorance; that imitation is suicide; that he must take himself for better or worse as his portion.
- E - A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of nature.
- F - Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year.
- G - Is it great to be misunderstood? Pythagoras was misunderstood, and Socrates, and Jesus, and Luther, and Copernicus, and Galileo, and Newton, and every pure and wise spirit that ever took flesh. To be great is to be misunderstood.
- H - Not for nothing one face, one character, one fact, make much impression on him and another none.
- I - Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.
- J - That power which resides in him is new in nature, and none but he knows what that is which he can do until he has tried.
- K - Speak what you think now in hard words and tomorrow speak what tomorrow thinks in hard words again, though it contradicts everything you said today.
- L - That though the wide universe is full of good, no kernel of nourishing corn can come to home but through his toil bestowed on that part of ground which is given to him to till.
- M - With consistency a great soul simply has nothing to do.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. -28

- A - Every calling is great, when greatly pursued.
- B - If there is any principle of the constitution that more imperatively calls for attachment than any other it is the principle of free thought – not free thought for those who agree with us, but freedom for the thought we hate.

- C - Have faith and pursue the unknown end.
- D - The life of the law has not been logic: it has been experience.

Susan B. Anthony - 29

- A - The true Republic: Men, their rights and nothing more; women, their rights and nothing less.

John Marshall - 30

- A - The people made the constitution, and the people can unmake it. It is the creature of their own will, and lives only by their will.
- B - We must never forget that it is the constitution that we are expounding.

Louisa may Alcott - 31

- A - Make each day useful and cheerful and prove that you know the worth of time by employing it well.

J.P. Morgan - 32

- A - When you expect things to happen – strangely enough – they do happen.
- B - Go as far as you can see; when you get there, you'll be able to see further.
- C - No problem can be solved until it is reduced to some simple form.
- D - A person has two reasons for doing anything: a good reason and the real reason.

P.T. Barnum - 33

- A - There is no negotiating freedom.
- B - A - Money is a terrible master, but an excellent servant.
- B - There is a sucker born every minute.

Henry Ward Beecher - 34

- A - It's easier to go down a hill than up it, but the view is much better at the top.
- B - Nowhere on the globe do people live so well as in America, or grumble so much.
- C - In this world, it is not what we take up, but what we give up that makes us rich.

Mark Twain - 35

- A - When angry, count four; when very angry, swear.
- B - Apparently there is nothing that cannot happen today.
- C - The more I learn about people, the more I like my dog.
- D - Go to Heaven for the climate, Hell for the company.
- E - Never argue with stupid people, they will drag you down to their level and then beat you with experience.
- F - Always do right. This will gratify some people, and astonish the rest.
- G - In the first place God made idiots. This was for practice. Then he made school boards.
- H - Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect.
- I - Only one thing is impossible for God. To find any sense in any copyright law.

Robert E. Lee - 36

- A - Do your duty in all things. You could not do more; you should not wish to do less.

Frederick Douglas - 37

A - The life of a nation is secure only while the nation is honest, truthful and virtuous.

William Penn - 28

A - I expect to pass through life but once. If therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now, and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again.

Henry David Thoreau 39

A - We were born to succeed, not to fail.

B - The language of friendship is not words but meanings.

General George S. Patton - 40

A - Accept the challenges so that you can feel the exhilaration of victory.

B - Always do more than is required of you.

C - A good plan today is better than a perfect plan tomorrow.

D - If a person does his best, what else is there?

E - Keep going, someone must be on top, why not you?

F - Lead me, follow me, or get out of my way.

G - I don't measure an individual's success by how high the person climbs, but how high the person bounces when he or she hits bottom.

H - If everybody is thinking alike, then somebody isn't thinking.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow - 41

A - We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing, while others judge us by what we have already done.

Thomas Alva Edison - 42

A - Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.

B - Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration.

Samuel Gompers - 43

A - The worst crime against working people is a company which fails to operate at a profit.

B - Time is the most valuable thing on earth.

Washington Irving - 44

A - Age is a matter of feeling, not of years.

B - A father may turn his back on his child, brothers and sisters may become inveterate enemies, husbands may desert their wives, wives their husbands. But a mother's love endures through all.

C - Love is never lost.

D - Sweet is the memory of a distant friend.

James Fenimore Cooper =45

A - All greatness of character is dependent on individuality.

B - It is besetting vice of democracies to substitute public opinion.

C - Individuality is the aim of political liberty.

John Paul Jones - 46

- A - I have not yet begun to fight.
- B - It seems to be a law of nature that those who will not risk cannot win.
- C - Who ever can surprise well must conquer.

Daniel Webster - 47

- A - There is always room at the top.
- B - Keep cool; anger is not an argument.
- C - A strong conviction that something must be done is the parent of many bad measures.

Daniel Boone - 48

- A - All you need for happiness is a good gun, a good horse and a good wife.
- B - I have never been lost, but once I was mighty confused for a few days.

Alexander Hamilton - 49

- A - The first duty of society is justice.
- B - A promise must never be broken.
- C - Those who stand for nothing fall for anything.
- D - A well adjusted person is the one who makes the same mistake twice without getting nervous.

Booker T. Washington - 50

- A - Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which the person has overcome.
- B - Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others.

Will Rogers - 51

- A - If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went.
- B - Everything is funny, as long as it's happening to somebody else.

Henry Ford - 52

- A - When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it.
- B - My best friend is the one who brings out the best in me.
- C - If you think you can do a thing or think you can't do a thing, you're right
- D - Failure is simply the opportunity to begin again, this time more intelligently.
- E - Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal.
- F - You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do.

Thomas Paine - 53

- A - My country is the world and my religion is to do good.
- B - The greatest tyrannies are always perpetrated in the name of the noblest causes.
- C - If there must be trouble let it be in my day, that my child may have peace.
- D - We have it in our power to begin the world over again.

E - Character is much easier kept than recovered.

Davy Crockett -54

A - You may all go to Hell, and I will go to Texas.

B - I have always supported measures and principles and not people.

C - Be always sure you are right – then go ahead.

Eleanor Roosevelt - 55

A - Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people. .

Sam Houston - 56

A - Those men are the last hope of Texas; with them we must achieve our independence, or perish in the attempt.

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