



Does Homeschooling work?

Picture the scene: a father and son, standing at the foot of Mount Rushmore, admiring the granite likenesses of Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt and Lincoln.

Son: "Dad, do you think they'll ever make a monument to homeschoolers?"

Dad: "You're looking at it, son."

That's right. Each of the great Presidents memorialized at Mount Rushmore – Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt and Lincoln - was educated at home for a significant portion of their education. But the list doesn't stop with these four. The list of presidents who were homeschooled includes James Madison, John Quincy Adams, John Tyler, William Henry Harrison, Franklin Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson.

But why stop with Presidents? Consider this:

-17 of the delegates to the Constitutional Convention were homeschooled

-Abigail Adams, Martha Washington, Florence Nightingale, and Phyllis Wheatley were educated at home

-Patrick Henry and John Jay were homeschooled

-John Wesley, Charles Wesley and Jonathan Edwards were homeschooled

-General Robert E. Lee, General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, General George Patton, and General Douglas MacArthur were homeschooled

-Booker T. Washington, Andrew Carnegie, Thomas Edison, Mark Twain, Agatha Christie, Pearl S. Buck, George Bernard Shaw, Irving Berlin, Ansel Adams, Charles Dickens... OK, enough; I think you get the point.