

Famous Failures

Match the famous person at left to an unsuccessful time in their career at right.

1. Bill Gates
 2. Walt Disney
 3. Stephen King
 4. Oprah Winfrey
 5. J.K. Rowling
 6. Colonel Sanders
- A. One of her first jobs in TV ended abruptly after the producer declared she was “unfit for television.”
 - B. One of his most successful books was rejected by 30 publishers. One publisher said the genre would not sell.
 - C. All 12 major publishing companies rejected her manuscript. The one that bought it paid very little up front.
 - D. His early Traf-o-Data business created traffic reports, but the machine tanked during an initial presentation.
 - E. At age 62 he pitched his recipe to restaurants and was rejected 1,009 times
 - F. Fired from a newspaper job because the editor said he “lacked imagination and had no good ideas.”