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“Who Am I?”

Play version
for 8 to 10 guests

by Stephanie Chambers

First edition

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Overview

There are two aspects to this game. One aspect is for you to work out who the eight famous people are. These people are no longer alive.

Sometimes a man may end up saying something that a famous woman said and vice versa.

The same person will say the lines and quotes from the same famous person each time.

If you are saying something that is a quote, please use your hands to represent quote marks at the beginning and the end of the quote.

The second aspect of the game is to get to know everyone who is at this party a little better. Please see the **Heart** page and fill it out with some details about your interests.

There are also some questions during the play that you should answer as you “yourself”. Hopefully these will help you to get to know yourself a little better and to help everyone here to also get to know you better.

Please go into this with a spirit of openness. Don’t have any expectations as to what may or may not evolve. Just enjoy the process of getting to know yourself and everyone else a bit better.

Anything that is shared should be kept confidential and not shared outside of this room unless you have permission to do so.

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Name Tags

Person 1

Person 2

Person 3

Person 4

Person 5

Person 6

Person 7

Person 8

Investigator

Investigator
Number 1

Investigator
Number 2

Heart page

Your name:

What do you love?



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The Play

Who Am I? - Act One

Note: *Although this is in play format, you do not have to take to a stage and act it out. You can just sit around a dining table and read out your lines or sit in a circle on sofas etc. The “Investigator” lines can be said by one of the people not assigned to represent a famous person, or if none are available, by any one of the people playing a famous person. Please switch to sit next to someone different after each act. Wear your heart page and discuss it with the people you meet during the breaks.*

Investigator 1: As a famous person, what do you believe in?

Person 1: “Life is pretty simple: You do some stuff. Most fails. Some works. You do more of what works. If it works big, others quickly copy it. Then you do something else. The trick is the doing something else.”

Person 2: “We think too small, like the frog at the bottom of the well. He thinks the sky is only as big as the top of the well. If he surfaced, he would have an entirely different view.”

Person 3: “Everything has its wonders, even darkness and silence, and I learn, whatever state I may be in, therein to be content.”

Person 4: “What I see in Nature is a magnificent structure that we can comprehend only very imperfectly, and that must fill a thinking person with a feeling of humility.”

Person 5: “Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.”

Person 6: Not necessarily. “The biggest disease this day and age is that of people feeling unloved.”

Person 7: That’s because they don’t make the effort to help anyone. “One of the greatest diseases is to be nobody to anybody.”

Person 8: Yes. “No one has ever become poor by giving.”

Investigator 2: Let’s take a break from working out who these famous people are. What do you believe in? Take 2 minutes to think and then spend 2 minutes each telling this to the person next to you.

Investigator 1: As a famous person, what is an interesting fact or two about yourselves that most people would not know?

Person 8: An asteroid was named in my honor. When I was younger I went to a Montessori school.

Person 6: I attempted and failed my final high school exams twice. And they weren’t the advanced level. They were only the ordinary level, but I failed them nonetheless.

Person 5: I failed my final year at law school three times. But that was because I was busy with other things. Eventually I passed it. I was originally given a name, which means “troublemaker”.

Person 4: When I was young, I changed my citizenship in order to avoid doing military service.

Person 3: At 19 months old, I contracted a really bad illness and that changed my life. My parents took me to meet Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone.

Person 7: I didn’t see my mother or sister again after I turned eighteen. I went to Ireland and there I learned English.

- Person 1: My mother had me out of wedlock. I was charged with sodomy but I was cleared of the charge.
- Person 2: I used to do most of my work in bed or at the pool. I only wore formal clothes when I had to.
- Investigator 2: Let's take another break from working out who these famous people are. What is one interesting fact that none of us probably know about you? Take 2 minutes to think and then share it with the whole group.