**Famous School Dropouts**

**Educations of business giants:**

## Liz Claiborne – high school dropout

**Soichiro Honda – vocational school dropout**

**John Hertz – quit school at 13**

## Candido Jacuzzi – didn’t finish grammar school

**Bernard Kroger – quit school at age 13**

**Montgonery Ward – quit school at age 14. (World Features Syndicate)**

**A surprising number of dropouts have made it into the top 400. Bill Gates, the Microsoft whiz, left Harvard to tinker with software and developed the operating brain that is installed in nearly every personal computer. Kirk Kerkorian, a junior-high dropout and son of an Armenian immigrant fruit farmer, made millions from Hollywood deals and Las Vegas properties and is now a major Chrysler stockholder. Harry Wayne Huizenga, another college dropout, started a trash-hauling business with a beat-up old truck. By the time he was 31, he and his partner, Dean L. Buntrock, had built the business into the world's largest waste-services company, Waste Management, Inc. Later he turned his attention to a Dallas video-rental store that he built into Blockbuster Video. (Peter Lynch & John Rothchild, in Reader's Digest)**

**The richest American, Bill Gates, dropped out of Harvard to co-found Microsoft Corporation with Washington State University dropout Paul G. Allen. *(Paul Craig Roberts, in Reader’s Digest)***

**17 high school dropouts:**

**1. Richard Avedon, photographer**

**2. Ellen Burstyn, actress**

**3. George Carey, archbishop of Canterbury**

**4. John Chancellor, news correspondent**

**5. Amadeo Peter Giannini, founder of the Bank of America**

**6. Cary Grant, actor**

**7. Peter Jennings, ABC newscaster**

**8. Billy Joel, singer/songwriter**

**9. John Major, British prime minister**

**10. Herman Melville, author**

**11. James Naismith, inventor of basketball**

**12. Wayne Newton, singer**

**13. Arnold Schonberg, composer**

**14. Edward Steichen, photographer**

**15. Tracey Ullman, actress**

**16. Leon Uris, author**

**17. Lawrence Welk, bandleader.  
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