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Remembering great teachers of all times by Pooja Sharma

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Human history has witnessed some of the most extraordinary teachers, who have brought some remarkable transformation to mankind. They were not just educators imparting education or doing their routine job; they were revolutionaries who have struggled to raise the standards of education. Teachers have always played an important role in molding lives of their students. They not just have influenced them but have inspired them; giving new direction to their life. These great teachers have broken down barriers and have touched the souls of their students.

Noah Webster, called as â€˜Father of American Educationâ€™. He was editor, lexicographer, author and spelling reformer. His speller books taught five generations of American children how to spell and read, and made their education more secular and less religious. Though he never attended college, Webster's father was intellectually curious and prized education; his mother spent long hours teaching Noah and his siblings spelling, mathematics and music.

Anne Sullivan Macy, inventor and educator of the deaf and dumb, is considered to be one of the remarkable teachers. She was a teacher and a lifelong companion of Helen Keller. She was acknowledged by Temple University for her vigorous commitment to Helen Kellerâ€™s education. Her teaching methods were well respected as they helped in Helen Kellerâ€™s progress. The period of Anne Sullivan and Helen Keller's life is best known to people through film â€˜The Miracle Worker.â€™ Alexander Graham Bell was a towering figure in Anne's life. He supported Anne's great talent as a teacher.

Friedrich FrÃ¶bel was a German teacher who laid the foundation for the modern educational system. He developed the concept of the â€œkindergartenâ€•, and also coined the word now used in German and English. He was the first to promote that education should be formulated according to the needs of children.

Lou Anne Johnson is a teacher who worked to encourage the academic efforts of underprivileged children. She has penned several books and is aggressively working for underprivileged students all over the country. She is known for her character played by Michelle Pfeiffer in the movie Dangerous Minds.

Dr. Abdul Kalam is a renowned aerospace engineer, professor and first Chancellor of the Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology Thiruvananthapuram (IIST), who has served as the 11th President of India. He took up teaching at Anna University, Chennai from November 2001. He is favorite teacher amongst students in the institute.

Swami Vivekananda, also known as world teacher. His teaching on the spiritual unity of humankind is very popular. At the Worldâ€™s Parliament of Religions in Chicago in 1893, this young Hindu monk caused a sensation.

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