

## Role Models Who Persevered

**Michael Jordan**, arguably the best basketball player of all time, was cut from his high school basketball team. In a Nike commercial from 1995, he said, “Twenty-six times I’ve been trusted to take the game-winning shot and missed. I’ve failed over and over and over again in my life and that is why I succeed.”

Before he successfully invented the light bulb, **Thomas Edison** invented over 1,000 ways not to invent the light bulb. After one more failed attempt, he said, “That’s one more way it won’t work, so we’re closer to a solution.” Edison went on to receive 1,093 patents for his numerous inventions.

**Jack Nicklaus** won 18 major golf championships – more than any other person. He also holds the record for most second place finishes in major championships – 19.

**Colonel Harland Sanders** developed a “finger-licking good” recipe for fried chicken in Kentucky. He hoped others might be interested. Over 1,000 people turned him down before somebody agreed to use his recipe. There are currently over 32,500 KFC restaurants around the world.

In 1955 **Rosa Parks** refused to give up her seat to a white person on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama. After she was arrested, the black community decided to boycott the bus system until the city changed its segregation policy. For 382

consecutive days, proud black citizens walked to and fro, and in the process, they started the civil rights movement and changed America.

**Albert Einstein** did not speak until he was three and could not read until he was seven. His teachers thought he was mentally retarded. He flunked his entrance exam to college and later his doctoral dissertation was rejected. Yet, he worked hard and became one of the smartest individuals to ever live, ultimately winning the Nobel Prize in Physics.

**Elvis Presley**, the best-selling solo artist in history, originally recorded his first album for his mother because he was told, “You’re never going to make it as a singer.” His second album flopped and he was booed off the Grand Ole Opry. To deal with this disappointment, he released “Heartbreak Hotel” and the rest is history.

His first three businesses failed and was fired by a newspaper editor because he “had no good ideas.” Still, **Walt Disney** kept dreaming. It took him four years and 1.5 million dollars to bring *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* to the big screen.

**Abraham Lincoln** started as a captain in the US Army and finished as a private. He started a store and went bankrupt. He unsuccessfully ran for the US senate twice. He had a nervous breakdown. Yet, in 1860, he became the 16th president of the United States and is widely considered one of our three best presidents.

### Monthly Budget Sheet

#### INCOME

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Estimate Gross Yearly Income \_\_\_\_\_  
Estimate Taxes at 22% - \_\_\_\_\_  
Retirement (401K) 8% - \_\_\_\_\_  
Net Yearly Income = \_\_\_\_\_  
Monthly Take Home Pay  
(divide yearly income by 12) = \_\_\_\_\_

#### STABLE BILLS

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Rent/Mortgage \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Insurance \_\_\_\_\_  
Car Payment \_\_\_\_\_  
Car Insurance \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Bill \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Gas Bill \_\_\_\_\_  
Electric Bill \_\_\_\_\_  
Cable/Internet Bill \_\_\_\_\_  
Water Bill \_\_\_\_\_  
Garbage Bill \_\_\_\_\_  
Groceries \_\_\_\_\_  
Gas for Automobile \_\_\_\_\_

#### FLUCTUATING BILLS

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Eating Out \_\_\_\_\_  
Hobbies/Entertainment \_\_\_\_\_  
Clothing Allowance \_\_\_\_\_  
Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_  
Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_  
Charity/Donations \_\_\_\_\_  
  
What do you have left over? \_\_\_\_\_

On a scale of 1 to 10, how important is it for you to complete your education? Why?