



## Puzzled Pint

# ALEXANDER HAMILTON

*"Alexander Hamilton.  
My name is Alexander Hamilton.  
And there's a million things I haven't done  
But just you wait, just you wait..."*

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While on vacation in 2008, Lin-Manuel Miranda decided to pick up and read *Alexander Hamilton*, a biography written by Ron Chernow, which inspired him to create a project entitled *The Hamilton Mixtape*. But what would have happened if he had picked up a different book instead? Take your **initial** impressions from these alternative introductions to figure out where his audience might have gone instead.

\*Don't forget, the Internet can be your friend!

How does a Christmas preterm, able to fit in a quart mug  
Start school at Grantham being raised to farm plots  
In Lincolnshire, attend Trinity, then Cambridge as a subsizar  
End up as a great natural philosopher?

Isaac  
Newton

How does a hyper birdman, son of a teacher in Carlsbad  
Strike out of baseball and end up so distraught  
That his school tested him, found he was gifted and encouraged hobbies  
End up mastering 900s and ollies?

Tony  
Hawk

How does an Oak Park child, named after grandpa and Wilde play,  
Dropped into Milan driving in World War I  
Then coming home and using his experience to write 'bout wartimes,  
Go on to win the literature Nobel Prize?

Ernest  
Hemingway

How does a Harton boarder, son of a nurse and a war vet,  
Dropped in the Royal Wolverhampton School lot  
A harsh environment; then went to Cambridge, met Terry, Mike and John,  
Grow up to write and perform with the Pythons?

Eric  
Idle

How does a Wavertree music fan, son of a supportive mother,  
Dropped in a middle school lacking in guitars  
That "moulded students into being frightened" join a jazz/blues/folk group,  
Grow up to play/write for the Quarrymen's troupe?

George  
Harrison

How'd an advisor's daughter raised on a tree farm in Cumru,  
Move to Wyomissing then go on to start  
Interest in country music to be told that her ambition's common,  
Grow up to sell 40 million+ albums?

Taylor  
Swift