



HOW TO *Love* LIKE A GENIUS:

THE GENIUSES

1. Albert Einstein



2. Sigmund Freud



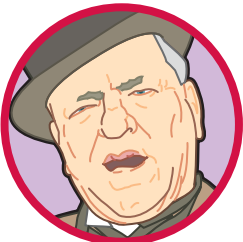
3. Dorothy Parker



4. Isaac Newton



5. W. C. Fields

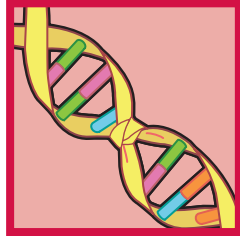


Match the Egghead to Their Romantic Strategy for Success

While it's dangerous to make broad assumptions about how brilliant individuals structure their love lives, an awful lot of geniuses try the same five Romantic Strategies. Can you identify which geniuses used which tactics on the path to love?

THE STRATEGIES

Strategy A: MARRY YOUR COUSIN!



Also worked for: Charles Darwin, Edgar Allan Poe
Why to avoid it: It can increase the risk of recessive genetic diseases, it might be against the law in your state. Oh, and it's gross.
Why you might try it: Look at the list of geniuses above.
Then again: You'll note that while a lot of geniuses engaged in cousin love, we don't have a long list of geniuses who were the offspring of cousin love.

Strategy B: KEEP REMARRYING THE SAME PERSON



Also worked for: Neil Simon, Alexander Solzhenitsyn
Why to avoid it: Costly divorce fees.
Why you might try it: It could be romantic. The imprisoned novelist Solzhenitsyn divorced his wife during Stalin's reign to protect her from persecution. He remarried her a few years after Stalin's death.
Then again: It rarely lasts. Simon and Solzhenitsyn both re-divorced their wives, while Dorothy Parker stayed re-married but just kept cheating on her hubby.

Strategy C: LOVE THY WIFE'S SISTER



Also worked for: Charles Dickens, Peter Paul Rubens and Wolfgang Mozart
Why to avoid it: It doesn't bode well for your marriage.
Why you might try it: The rewards are pretty obvious. Plus, in-laws make great muses. Mozart wrote his best choral music for his sister-in-law, while Rubens used his as the nude model for his most erotic paintings.
Then again: Freud's affair with his sister-in-law was an important facet in his break with the "agonized" Carl Jung. The reaction was pretty self-righteous, though, considering Jung had had at least two extramarital affairs of his own.

Strategy D: CHEAT RELENTLESSLY



Also worked for: Lord Byron, Paul Gauguin and Wilt Chamberlain
Why to avoid it: Well, you could end up with "the clap" for starters.
Why you might try it: It can inspire epic last words. W. C. Fields' last words were, "God damn the whole friggin' world and every-one in it but you, Carlotta."
Then again: It's only romantic until you consider that his wife's name was Hattie.

Strategy E: LOVE YOURSELF (AND NO ONE ELSE)



Also worked for: Nikola Tesla, John Harvey Kellogg, George Bernard Shaw.
Why to avoid it: Not having sex doesn't sound that fun.
Why you might try it: You'll have plenty of time to stack your resumés! The guys above certainly accomplished a lot while not having sex.
Then again: At the end of his life, Tesla was madly in love with a pigeon.

Answers: 1.A.2.C 3.B.4.E.5.D