

Adjectives Eponymous

Because an *eponym* is an adjective made from someone's name, it's always capitalized.

SOME EXAMPLES

Aristotelian

Aristotle, philosopher

Beethovenian

Beethoven, composer

Caesarian

Julius Caesar, Roman leader

Darwinian

Charles Darwin, biologist

Euclidean

Euclid, ancient geometrician

Faulknerian

William Faulkner, novelist

Gaussian

Carl Gauss, mathematician

Herculean

Hercules, from mythology

Ignatian

St. Ignatius, spiritual leader

Joycean

James Joyce, novelist

Kafkaesque

Franz Kafka, novelist

Leninist

Vladimir Lenin, political leader

Machiavellian

Niccolo Machiavelli, politician

Newtonian

Isaac Newton, physicist

Oedipal

King Oedipus, from mythology

Platonic

Plato, philosopher

Quixotic

Don Quixote, fictional character

Rogerian

Carl Rogers, psychologist

Shakespearean

Shakespeare, playwright

Titanic

Titan, from mythology

Victorian

Victoria, English queen

Wagnerian

Richard Wagner, composer

Can you think of some other eponyms?

When you're famous, what will your eponym be?