

Choose a person who interests you from the list below, OR your teacher will assign a famous person to you. Research the famous person to determine what their disability is, and how they have overcome it. Use the questions (attached) to guide your research. Be ready to share your information with your class on the next day.

Science

Albert Einstein, Isaac Newton, Benjamin Franklin, Steven Hawking, Alexander Graham Bell

Politics

Harriet Tubman, Helen Keller, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Napoleon Bonaparte, George Washington, William Taft, Abraham Lincoln, John Quincy Adams, Theodore Roosevelt, Harry Truman, David Paterson

Artists/Entertainers

Michelangelo, Neil Young, Steady Eddie, Elvis Presley, Billy Joel, Britney Spears, Kurt Cobain, Leonardo da Vinci, Vincent van Gogh, Stevie Wonder, John Denver, Drew Carey, Beethoven, Ray Charles, James Thurber, Josh Blue, Geri Jewell, Jay Leno

Inventors

Bill Gates, Henry Ford, Thomas Edison

Athletes

Marla Runyan, Bruce Jenner

Actors

Clark Gable, Marilyn Monroe, Robin Williams, Tom Hanks, Mel Gibson

Writers

Charles Dickinson, Isaac Asimov, Virginia Woolf, William Shakespeare, Isaac Asimov, Kurt Vonnegut

ACCESS Disability Unit: LP BB - Famous Person Research & Speech Guide

Name _____

Use these questions to guide your research on the famous person selected/assigned.

1. The famous person and his/her area of fame: _____

2. Some of the work that made this person well known: _____

3. The traits of their disability: _____

4. This person's disability influenced what they accomplished in their field by: _____

5. Their challenges or obstacles may have been: _____

6. What I admire about this person, or others who are famous with a disability: _____

7. I think the attributes required of a person with a disability to become successful are: _____

