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FAMOUS PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

RECOMMENDED FOR GRADES 4–8

Disability does not define who you are. We can recognize the abilities of persons with disabilities and that they can live rewarding lives.

Research a famous person with a disability who has achieved great things. Write a report which includes the following:

1. What did you learn about this person's life?
2. What is this person famous for?
3. What negative assumptions could someone make of this person based on their disability?
4. If this person came to visit, what might you need to do or change to ensure they could access all parts of your home or school and be included in all activities.

Some ideas of famous people with disabilities:

Stevie Wonder

Marla Runyan

Claude Monet

Ludwig van Beethoven

Nyle DiMarco

Helen Keller

Frida Kahlo

Judith Heumann

Stephen Hawking

...or any other notable person with a disability you already know about or find out about through your research!

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