

## UNDERSTANDING DIFFERENCES

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Class Period \_\_\_\_\_

### Successful People with Disabilities Research Project

Select a person that you are interested in and would like to study from the list, or select someone else you know personally who has a disability. Research that person to find out as much as you can about him/her. Take notes on the next page as you do your research. Compile your information and present your research findings in one of the following ways:

- Write a report.
- Present information in a poster format.
- Write a pretend letter home telling your parents all about this person that you have just met.
- Make a painting or other piece of art that depicts all the information you have learned about your person. Or make a cartoon book about him/her.
- Make a Power Point presentation about your person; or create another type of presentation with other technology such as a videography.
- Write a poem incorporating the information that you have learned.
- Pretend that you are the person that you selected and write about your life in a personal journal.
- Be creative. Decide on your own way to present. Please have it approved by your teacher.

**Here are some questions to keep in mind as you read about your selected person:**

- What was his/her childhood like?
- What kind of education did he/she have?
- What was his/her family-life like?
- What disability did he/she have?
- How did this disability affect his/her life?
- What was his/her work or profession? What adaptations did he/she have to make to become successful?
- What was his/her personal life like? (What did they like to do for fun, did they have a family?) What adaptation did they use in his/her personal life?
- What did you learn from reading about him/her that you could apply to your life?
- What other interesting information can you find?

**Conference with your teacher throughout the project**

Selection of person to research: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's Initials \_\_\_\_\_

Research Progress Date \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Development Date \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Comment: \_\_\_\_\_