

FAMOUS PEOPLE WHO HAVE OVERCOME CHALLENGES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Challenge(s)</u>	<u>Accomplishments</u>
ALBERT EINSTEIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Had Dyslexia (a learning disability);-Didn't speak until age 4;-Got in a lot of trouble at school & was told by teachers he "would not amount to anything".	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Most famous scientist of the 20th century;-Won many important prizes and awards;-Was considered to have been a genius by many, many people.
WALT DISNEY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Had Attention Deficit Disorder;-Got fired from his 1st job because his boss said that he had "no imagination"!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Created Mickey & Minnie Mouse, Donald Duck, and Goofy;-Made many famous movies like Snow White, Bambi, Pinocchio & Mary Poppins;-Started the Walt Disney Movie Studio;-Came up with the ideas for Disneyland, Disneyworld and Epcot Center.
BETHANY HAMILTON	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Attacked by a shark when she was 13 years old which resulted in her losing her left arm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Won prizes in surfing competitions starting at age 8;-Started surfing again one month after her shark attack and losing her arm;-Went on to win prizes in other surfing competitions and became a professional surfer at age 17;-Wrote about her life in the book, "Soul Surfer" which was made into a movie.
THOMAS EDISON	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Developed a hearing problem when young and teased by other kids for it;-Struggled with school work and was told by one teacher that he was "too stupid to learn anything"-Had Attention Deficit Disorder & Dyslexia.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-One of the world's greatest inventors whose inventions are still used today;-Invented the lightbulb, the phonograph (record player), the motion picture camera, alkaline batteries and many, many other things.
STEVIE WONDER	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Became blind shortly after he was born;	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Is a singer and songwriter who plays several different

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> musical instruments; -He signed with Motown records at age 11; -Received 22 grammy awards, the most ever given to a male solo artist; -Ranked #5 of the “Hot 100 All-time Top Artists” by <i>Billboard</i> Magazine in 2008.
HELEN KELLER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Became deaf and blind at 19 months old; -Had trouble communicating with others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Became the first deaf and blind person to graduate from college (Radcliffe College, 1904); -Learned to "hear" people's speech by reading their lips with her hands; -Learned to read using Braille; -Learned to speak, and spent much of her life giving speeches and lectures.
BELLA THORNE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Has dyslexia; -Was bullied at school; -Her father was killed in a car accident when she was 10 years old. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Is a teen actress, singer, model and dancer; -Plays ‘CeCe Jones’ on the Disney series <i>Shake It Up!</i> -Coped with dyslexia by reading everything she could find, including the labels of cereal boxes.
JIM ABBOT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Was born without a right hand; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Was a major league baseball pitcher for the California Angels, the New York Yankees, the Chicago White Sox, & the Milwaukee Brewers.
LADY GAGA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Was badly bullied while growing up; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Is one of the best selling music artists of all time; -Won 5 Grammy Awards and 13 MTV Music Awards; -Launched the ‘Born This Way Foundation’ to fight against bullying, help kids to feel proud of who they are and teach kids that they can make a difference in the world.

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