

Sarah Bernhardt: French actress (1844-1923) Disabled by a knee injury, her leg amputated in 1914, she continued starring on stage until just before her death. She is regarded as France's greatest actress -- "The Divine Sarah".

Beethoven: Composer: Was deaf when he composed his 9th symphony.

Winston Churchill: had a learning disability

Walt Disney: had a learning disability

Edison: Had a learning disability. He couldn't read until he was twelve years old and had a very difficult time writing even when he was older.

Albert Einstein: Mathematician/Physicist: Had a learning disability and did not speak until age 3. He had a very difficult time doing math in school. It was very hard for him to express himself through writing.

Goya: Spanish painter (1746-1828): At age 46, an illness left him deaf. He went on to create the most famous Spanish art of the 19th century.

Alexander Graham Bell: had a learning disability

Stephen Hawking: physicist/mathematician has Lou Gehrig's Disease and is in a wheelchair. He needs a computer to speak.

Milton: English Author/poet (1608-1674): He became blind at age 43. He went on to create his most famous epic, Paradise Lost.

George Patton: This World War II General had a learning disability.

Nelson Rockefeller, former Vice President: had a learning disability: dyslexia.

President Roosevelt: At age 39, his legs were paralyzed by polio. He became governor of New York State and was elected president four times.

Harriett Tubman: Abolitionist (1830-1913): As a child she was struck by an overseer. The blow fractured her skull and resulted in narcolepsy for the rest of her life. She rescued hundreds of slaves on the underground railroad.

Werner Von Braun: German Rocket Scientist (See the movie October Sky) had a learning disability and often flunked his math tests in high school.

George Washington: Had a learning disability. He could barely write and had very poor grammar skills.

Woodrow Wilson: U.S. President from 1913-1921. Had a learning disability -- was severely dyslexic.

Other famous people who have learning disabilities: Cher, Tom Cruise, Whoopi Goldberg, Greg Louganis, Bruce Jenner, H.G. Wells

Famous people who are known or are thought to have had epilepsy:

Charles Dickens, Neil Abercrombie, Danny Glover, Margaux Hemingway, Tchaikovsky, Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar, Alfred Great, William Pitt, Napoleon, Byron, de Mopassant, Edward Lear,

Handel, Berlioz, Paganini, Vincent Van Gogh, Tony Lazzeri, Gary Howatt and British marathon runner Alan Blinston.

Famous people who have Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD):
Robin Williams and "Magic" Johnson.

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No one is perfect. We all have some things that we do really well, but there are also things that are harder for us to do.

What are things that are hard for you?

List some areas that you feel you are weak in:

What are you really good at?

List some areas that you feel are your strengths:

We all have some disability that may make some activities more difficult than others, but it is in the solving of the problem that we succeed. Like the famous

people that we looked at today, we can overcome them with courage,
accommodations or help from others and accomplish great things.