

WHAT DO YOU SEE?: PERCEPTIONS OF DISABILITY

CHALLENGE

- **Media:** Watch a short movie intended to stir your reactions to images of different kinds of people (movie)

INITIAL THOUGHTS

- What did you see?
- What feelings did you have about the photos?
- What thoughts did you have about the individuals in this challenge?
- Do perceptions matter?

PERSPECTIVES AND RESOURCES

- Module Objectives (box)
 - After completing the entire Perspectives and Resources section and reviewing the accompanying activities, you should be able to:
 - Understand that societal views can shape beliefs about people with disabilities
 - Recognize myths and misconceptions about disabilities
 - Understand how perceptions impact people with disabilities in positive and negative ways

▶ Page 1: Learn More About the People in the Challenge

- **Links:** Click on each of these pictures from the Challenge to read a description of each subject

▶ Page 2: Meet Other People with Disabilities

- Andrea Bocelli
- **Media:** The story of Michael Hingson, a man who speaks to groups across the country, with all proceeds from his presentations going to Guide Dogs for the Blind (movie)
- Cheyenne Long Fox discusses how he faces and overcomes challenges in his life

▶ Page 3: Ursa Minor

- **Media:** A poem by Jodi Barnes, mother of a child with a disability (audio with graphics)
- **Activity:** Answer the following questions (box with bulleted questions)

▶ Page 4: Film and Literature Portrayal

- **Activity:** Pick a movie or book that you've seen from these lists (box with links)
 - *Link:* Movie list
 - *Link:* Book list

🔍 Page 5: Myths and Facts

- Test your belief system
 - *Link:* Puzzle activity
- **Activity:** Answer these questions (box with bulleted list and link)
 - *Link:* Test you knowledge on people with disabilities

🔍 Page 6: Biography

- **Activity:** Write a brief biography about the young woman in the accompanying photograph (box)
- Did you include:
 - Occupation (bulleted list)
 - Family (bulleted list)
 - Education (bulleted list)
 - Hobbies (bulleted list)
- **Activity:** Go back and re-examine the biography that you wrote (box)

🔍 Page 7: References, Additional Resources and Information

- Articles
- Books
- Videos
- Online Resources

ASSESSMENT

- **Media:** Nine photos of students with and without disabilities (movie)
- “Please complete the items below” (bulleted questions)

WRAP UP

- **Media:** The sculptor Michael Naranjo shares his experiences on losing his sight during the Vietnam War and how he views himself (movie)

