Handout #1: Successful People with Learning Disabilities

Directions: Everyone has strengths and weaknesses. Please remember that weaknesses can be improved and the obstacles that are put in one's way can often be overcome. Everyone, with their strengths and gifts, can contribute to a creation of a better world. Please research one successful person with a disability or learning weakness who has overcome obstacles and made contributions to our world. Complete the following chart by researching this individuals strengths and weaknesses. If you have extra time, research some of the strategies that they used to overcome their disability or learning weakness. You may wish to choose any of the following individuals:

Charles Darwin; Johnny Depp; Thomas Edison; Tom Cruise; Agatha Christie; Albert Einstein; Leonardo Da Vinci; Keira Knightley; Michael Phelps; Daniel Radcliffe; Ed Sheeran; Whoopi Goldberg; Stephen Spielberg; Keanu Reeves; Howie Mandel; Avi; Others?

Strengths	Weaknesses	Strategies Used to Overcome Disability