Extraordinary People Station Notes

**Station 1: Danny Glover**

1. What is the name of this person, and what is his/her profession?
2. Describe this person’s disability and the effects the disability might have on his/her chosen career and/or daily life.
3. What are some of his/her accomplishments?
4. How did this person cope with his/her disability? What strategies did he/she employ to be successful?
5. Write one interesting fact you learned about this person at this station:

1. Give one character trait to this person (must be a different word for each person)

**Station 2: Michael Phelps**

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2. Describe this person’s disability and the effects the disability might have on his/her chosen career and/or daily life.
3. What are some of his/her accomplishments?
4. How did this person cope with his/her disability? What strategies did he/she employ to be successful?
5. Write one interesting fact you learned about this person at this station:

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**Station 3: Mandy Harvey**

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2. Describe this person’s disability and the effects the disability might have on his/her chosen career and/or daily life.
3. What are some of his/her accomplishments?
4. How did this person cope with his/her disability? What strategies did he/she employ to be successful?
5. Write one interesting fact you learned about this person at this station:

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**Station 4: Marla Runyan**

1. What is the name of this person, and what is his/her profession?
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3. What are some of his/her accomplishments?
4. How did this person cope with his/her disability? What strategies did he/she employ to be successful?
5. Write one interesting fact you learned about this person at this station:

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**Station 5: Rosie King**

1. Why do people tend to stereotype people with disabilities, specifically autism?
2. What is the problem with stereotyping?
3. What does Rosie say she loves about her disability?
4. What is one social consequence of Rosie’s autism?
5. Why are people afraid to not be “normal”?
6. What do you think inspired Rosie to give a TED talk about her disability?

**Station 6: Sue Austin**

1. What did Sue compare her electric wheel chair to when she first got it?
2. How did people’s perception of Sue when she got the chair? How did it change the way she felt about herself?
3. What did this motivate Sue to do?
4. Why did Sue choose to blend the wheelchair and scuba diving specifically?
5. Sue called the wheelchair “a vehicle of transformation”. What does she mean by that?

**Final assessment:** According to what you read and saw, do you feel that ALL people have it in them to be extraordinary? Using your station notes, write a paragraph about how an ordinary person can push themselves to their limits and become extraordinary. What does it take? Think about some character traits that all of these people had in common.

*Use your TOC pages about “good paragraphs” to help boost your writing* ☺

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