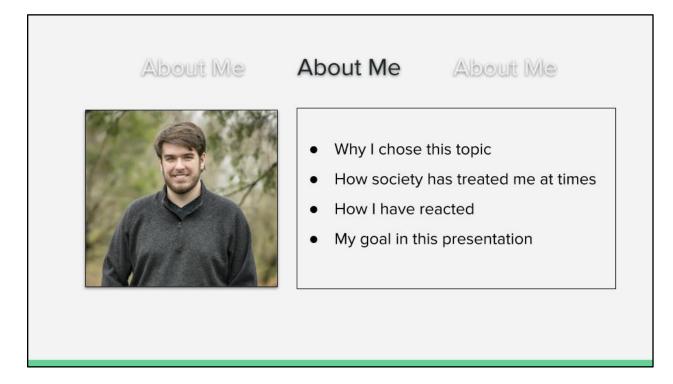
# <u>Notes for We Learn Together:</u> <u>Portrayal and Representation of Disabilities in</u> <u>Popular Culture</u>

Slide 1

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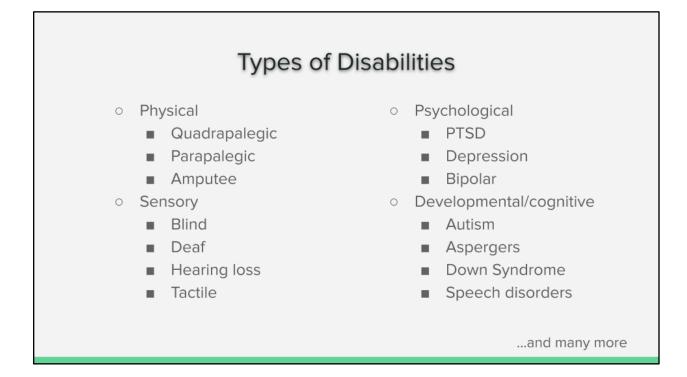
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What are disabilities?



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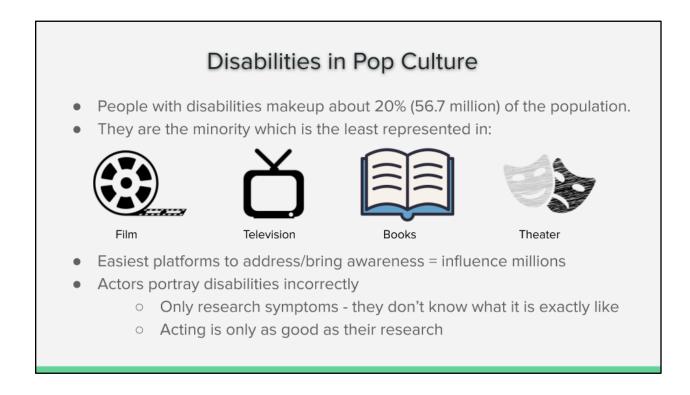
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Sensory:

**Psychological:** 

**Developmental/Cognitive:** 





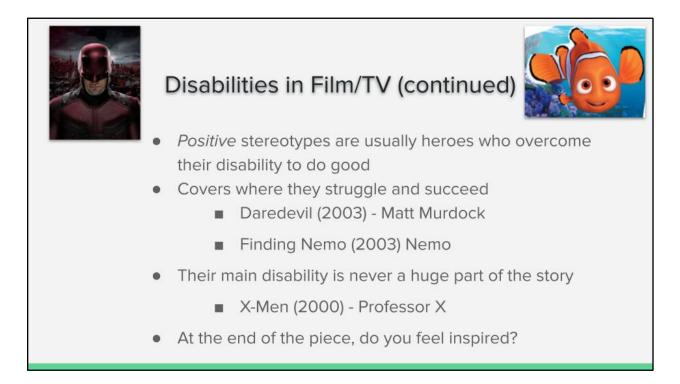
- Twenty percent of the population have disabilities based on the 2010 Census.
- So many people are accessible through the different types of entertainment, why not use it in a good way to bring awareness?



Notes:

How do you think they should portray disabled people if they are in a villain role?

Do you think they need to change the way do it now?



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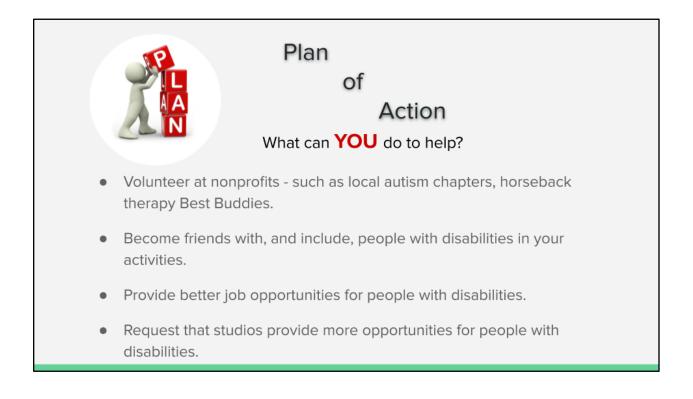
What other characters might fit the positive inspirational category?

# Other Popular Titles Do you think they are done in a positive or negative way? Avatar (2009) Jake Sully - parapalegic Hunchback of Notre Dame (Many versions first silent film 1911) Physical, deaf Phantom of the Opera (book, film, and theater) - facial disfigurement Percy Jackson (book, film) ADHD, Dyslexia Forrest Gump (1994) physical and intellectual The Big Bang Theory - Sheldon

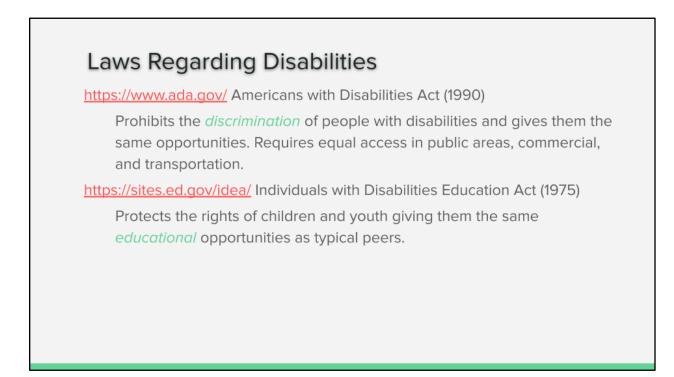
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**Positive Way** 

**Negative Way** 



- Best Buddies is the world's largest organization dedicated to ending the social, physical, and economic isolation of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
  - More information for Best Buddies can be found at: <u>https://www.bestbuddies.org/</u>
- Do you have anything to lose by becoming friends with someone with disabilities?



### Notes:

Only since 1990!

# Conclusion

Does the fact that I have a speech disorder make the info any less credible? We should look more into changing the world for people with disabilities

Notes:

Do you think the public should have more knowledge and awareness about people with disabilities?

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