

# ADVOCACY

## Lesson Plan: Advocates for Disabilities

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**Objective:** Students will be able to identify those who assisted people with disabilities. Students will be able to examine these contributions and how important they were in changing the lifestyles of people with disabilities.

**Materials:** Advocates for Disabilities Worksheet  
Index cards  
Ticket out the door worksheet  
Website pages

**Vocabulary:**

advocacy	feeble-minded
asylum	institution
crippled	mentally retarded
Epileptic	sibling

### New York State Learning Standards:

ELA Standard 1: Language for Information and Understanding  
ELA Standard 2: Language for Literary Response and Expression  
ELA Standard 4: Language for Social Interaction  
SS Standard 1: History of the United States and New York  
SS Standard 5: Civics, Citizenship, and Government

### Procedure:

1. The teacher will view the Advocacy History section of the Advocacy wing of the site for background information.
2. Selections from the website can be viewed by the students online or copies of those pages can be printed for student use.
3. Have students work in pairs. Make flash cards by writing the name of an important contributor toward people with disabilities on one side of the card. On the other side of the card, list the contribution. Make as many flash cards as possible.
4. Then form groups of four students. Give each group the Advocates for Disability Worksheet to complete.
5. Share findings with class.

**Closure/Ticket out the door:** Which individual changed the lifestyles of people with disabilities the most and why?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



Names of group members:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### ADVOCATES FOR DISABILITIES

Name	Contribution

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



### **Ticket out the door**

I feel the person who changed the lifestyles of people with disabilities the most is:

\_\_\_\_\_

My reason is: \_\_\_\_\_

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What change do you think is most important in the lives of people with disabilities and why? \_\_\_\_\_

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