

People to look up to?



Figure 1 Helen Keller reading a book
1904

Helen Keller (1880-1968) was one of the most remarkable people who ever lived and certainly someone we can all look up to and admire. As a result of a childhood illness at the age of 19 months she was left deaf and blind. Despite this, Helen Keller learnt to read, write and speak and became an ambassador/spokesperson promoting self-esteem for the individual. She says "We can do anything we want if we stick to it long enough" "Everything has its wonders, even darkness and silence, and I learn, whatever state I may be in, therein to be content."

Task: Below you will find the names of some of the people pupils reported in Phase 3 as being the person they most look up to. Choose a few of these and use the Internet to find out who they are. Are they alive or dead? What did they do to make them famous? Describe why you think someone would look up to these people.

Adelaine Yen Mar

Bill Hicks

Martin Luther King

Pippa Funnel

Aaron Feinberg

Michael Faraday

Ray Mears

Brian Tatler

Shigeru Miyamoto

Bob Burnquist

Damien Hurst

Derek Kenway

Extension Task: Ask some adults who they look up to and do some research into the people they mention. Do adults look up to different types of people?