



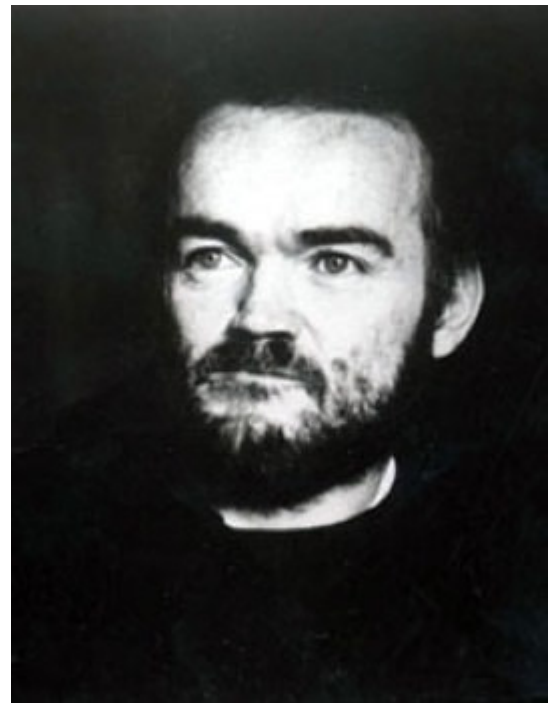
Vincent van Gogh, artist, had mental health problems through out his life.



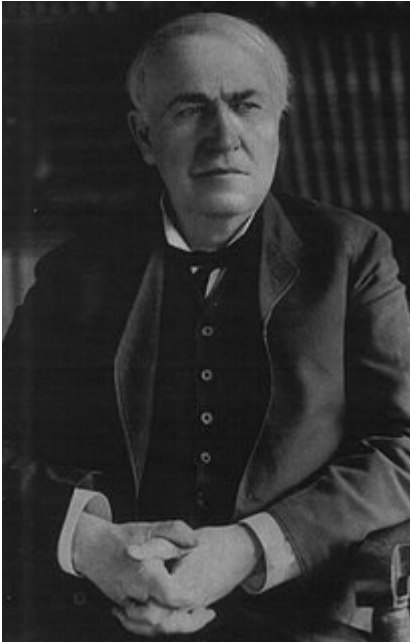
Ludvig van Beethoven became deaf at an early age but continued composing



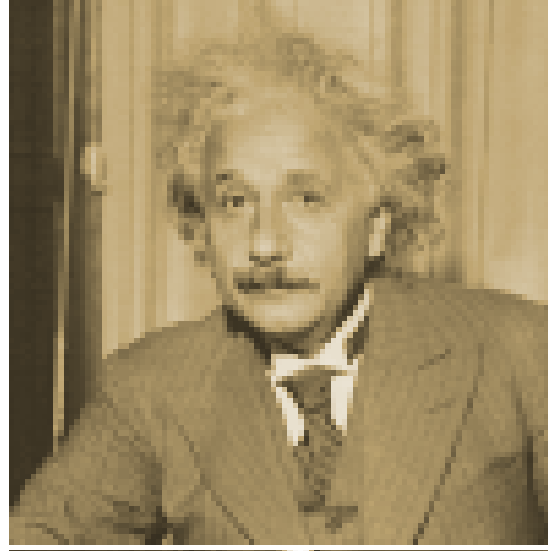
Helen Keller was born deaf, blind and could not speak. She learned to communicate using signs and touch with her tutor Annie Sullivan and became a famous writer and political activist.



Christy Brown had cerebral palsy but learned to write with his foot—his autobiography was called *My Left Foot*.



Thomas Edison was deaf but invented all sorts of things including the light bulb. He couldn't read until he was 12.



Albert Einstein had a learning disability. He didn't speak until he was three. But went on to become a famous physicist



Professor Stephen Hawking has Motor Neurone Disease but is a famous writer and scientist



Admiral Lord Nelson lost an eye and an arm in battle but continued for 10 years in charge of the British Navy



Tom Cruise the actor has severe dyslexia



Tanni Carys Davina Grey-Thompson OBE - to give her full name and title - is the disabled athlete that most people instantly recognise. - she has competed in Paralympic Games since 1988, representing Britain at distances ranging from 100m to 800m. She has won fourteen paralympic medals including nine golds.



Walt Disney had a learning disability but founded the cartoon and film company that bears his name.



Stevie Wonder, blind from birth, is a famous singer song writer. He played for the Queen in the Diamond Jubilee concert.





Winston Churchill had a speech impediment and developed depression. He became a clear orator and war leader for the country inspiring people.



David Blunkett MP sat in the House of Commons from 1987 until recently. He was Home Secretary and Education Secretary.



Alison Lapper MBE was born with no limbs. She went to Chailey Heritage school. The controversial sculpture of her by Marc Quinn in Trafalgar Square was put there to honour disabled people. Not everyone liked it. She is however a sculptor and photographer in her own right.



Ian Dury had Polio as a child and went to Chailey Heritage school. He was a singer songwriter until his early death.