

Models of Disability Worksheet

- 1) John has been working as a retail agent all of his life. 30 years of his existence has been dedicated to producing the best results, always placing the customer above himself. Though dedicated, John has been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in this time in his age. Due to John not being able to work as much due to going to physical therapy and rehab he lost his job that he has been dedicated too for over 30 years. What model would this scenario fit under?

- 2) Albert has been in a wheelchair all of his natural born life. For as long as he can remember he has never been able to walk. Because of this albert has always been seen as inferior, weak, unable to function, in need of help 24/7. Which model do you think is the cause of this discrimination?

- 3) Gustavo has a rare genetic disease that causes his legs to not function normally. Therefore, he uses a wheelchair to get around. Gustavo is a decorated medical doctor. Because of Gustavo's vast understanding on the cardiovascular system he has been asked to give a lecture to residents at the Cleveland clinic teaching hospital. As Gustavo arrived at the clinic he motioned to go inside. However, when he arrived there was no ramp allowing for him to enter in his chair. This is an example stemming from which model?

4) Ezekiel is a man of conviction and morality. He is also a just man and has been termed honorable by all who associate with him. Ezekiel is married to a woman who recently has been disabled from the neck down. Ezekiel's wife was injured during a hiking accident. Ezekiel feels that his wife should still be a participating member of society, working, being social, good family life etc. However, because of his wife's ailment Ezekiel has been offered no help in any of these areas. What model would this scenario fit under.

5) John's daily life is filled with annoyances and rigor due to his disability, he has been blind since he was 15 years old. Though John is blind he still tries to do his best to be the man his family needs him to be. John has been trying to get a job in law for the last 5 years, but no one will hire him. They explain that his resume is not up to par however John knows that its is due to his blindness. What is this an example of? Which model would this scenario fit under?

6) Take some time to compare and contrast the models that were discussed in class today. Which ones are more advantageous? Which ones are weaker? What do you think?