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Lesson Plan: Educators

Objective: Students will be able to evaluate the contributions of selected educators have provided for people with disabilities.

Materials: Educators Worksheet
Website pages

Vocabulary: advocate, exception children, intelligence tests (IQ)
asylum, feeble minded, institutionalize
autism, genetic, mentally retarded
deaf mute, heredity, moron
deinstitutionalize, idiot, normalization
developmental disability, inclusion, physical disability
epileptic, intellectual disability, slow learner

New York State Learning Standards:
ELA Standard 1: Language for Information and Understanding
ELA Standard 3: Language for Critical Analysis and Evaluation
ELA Standard 4: Language for Social Interaction
SS Standard 1: History of the United States and New York

Procedure:

1. The teacher should view the Educators section of the Education wing of the website to gain background information.
2. Selections from the website may be viewed by the students online or copies of those pages may be printed for student use.
3. Discuss some of the educators and their contributions to the education of people with disabilities.
4. Discuss the following quote from the introduction to this section.
   “The goals of education have evolved from mere tolerance for interaction to assuming a place in an accepting society.”
5. Give pairs of students three educators to study. Have students decide whether each educator they are assigned would agree or disagree with the quote.
6. Break students into teams of four by having pairs with the same educators join together to compare their answers and arrive at a consensus.
7. Share findings with the entire class.

Closure/Ticket out the door: List three contributions you have learned by participating in this activity.

For historical accuracy and to illustrate changing views of society, words and language used in different eras are part of the website and lessons. No offense is intended toward people with disabilities, their families or advocates.
Name__________________________________

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After reading the information on the educators you have been assigned, decide how you think each person might feel about the quote below.

“The goals of education have evolved from mere tolerance for interaction to assuming a place in an accepting society.”

Name of educator: _____________________________________________

Agrees with quote because_________________________________________________________________
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Disagrees with quote because_________________________________________________________________
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