

Total English

Upper Intermediate

Sporting successes

- 1 You are going to go on the Internet to find out about the success of three sporting personalities. Log on to their websites and answer the questions.
 - 1 Type in <http://www.lancearmstrong.com/>, and then click on **About Lance** to answer questions a-d.
 - a What happened to potentially stop Lance's progression as a top cyclist?
 - b How does the article describe the way he coped with this affliction?
 - c How many times has he won the Tour since 1999?
 - d According to the article what particular part of his life sealed his destiny?
 - 2 Log on to <http://www.steveredgrave.com/profile/now.htm>, and then click on **Fast Facts** and answer questions a-d below.
 - a He won the race in Sydney by 3.8 seconds. True or false? ___
 - b How many Olympic medals has he won?
 - c Apart from rowing which other sport has he taken part in?
 - d How was he able to continue training after being diagnosed with diabetes in 1997?
 - 3 Answer questions a-d below by logging on to http://www.normanphillips.co.uk/tanni_grey_thompson_bio.htm.
 - a How many Paralympic medals has Tanni won?
 - b What has been Tanni's most prestigious accolade?
 - c What other areas of Tanni's life have continued to develop as well as sport?
 - d What phrase is used to describe how Tanni is perceived on and off the track?
- 2 Discuss questions 1-4 in small groups.
 - 1 What do the three sporting personalities have in common?
 - 2 What do you think people can learn from them?
 - 3 What do you think they will go on to do in the future?
 - 4 Have they inspired you? If so, to do what?

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TEACHER'S NOTES:

Aim: to explore further the theme of success using the Internet. This webquest is designed to be used in conjunction with unit 8.

Time: 40 minutes

Materials: photocopies of the worksheet for each student

- 1 Before you begin the activity elicit famous of famous sportsmen and women. Ask students to say what they know about them and to explain why they know this information. Then explain that the students are going to find out more about three successful sporting personalities by going on their websites. Check that all students are on the first correct website and tell students that they can either work alone or together to answer the questions. Monitor carefully and give assistance if necessary. Ensure students have moved on to the new websites at the start of parts 2 and 3. Elicit answers from the class.

Answers: (correct at the time of going to press) 1 a) He suffered from cancer. b) Not only did he beat the affliction (cancer) he returned to the sport to win the top prize. c) six times d) He trained with the US Olympic cycling developmental team in Colorado Springs in his senior year and this sealed his destiny as a bike racer. 2 a) F 0.38 seconds b) six c) bobsleighting d) with special guidance and support he was able to continue training to meet his goals 3 a) 13 b) her entry to the Laureus World Sports Academy along with stars such as Michael Jordan and Pele c) her broadcasting and media experience d) a much loved and respected individual

- 2 Place students in groups of three or four and ask them to discuss the four questions. Get feedback from the various groups at the end of the activity.