

# Lesson Plan #7

## Organ, Eye and Tissue Donation in the Public Arena

### Objective

Directions: Review the names of the athletes, celebrities and politicians below and research their personal connection to organ, eye and tissue donation or transplantation. Do any of these names and/or their stories surprise you?

Time: 15-30 minutes

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More than 28,000 people in the United States receive an organ transplant each year, and more than 1 million receive tissue transplants each year in the form of hip replacements, knee reconstructions and valve replacements. Countless others have been touched by donation when their loved ones gave the gift of life as an organ donor. Still others are living kidney donors, having donated one of their two kidneys to another person.

*Research the following individuals and learn about their connection to donation.*

Dick Cheney, former U.S. Vice President

Natalie Cole, singer songwriter

Erik Compton, professional golfer

Sean Elliott, retired NBA player for San Antonio Spurs and Detroit Pistons

Joey Gase, stock car racing driver

Katherine Heigl, actress

Sarah Hyland, actress

Steve Jobs, cofounder and CEO of Apple, and former CEO of Pixar

Chris Klug, professional snowboarder and bronze medal winner in 2002 Olympics

Ashton Kutcher, actor

Ann Lopez, actor/director

Alonzo Mourning, retired NBA Player for Charlotte Hornets, Miami Heat and New Jersey Nets

Carson Palmer, NFL player for Arizona Cardinals

Mandy Patinkin, actor

## START AN eCAMPAIGN

The Donate Life California eCampaign is a free, simple tool designed to inspire your community to save lives by signing up on the statewide registry to become organ, eye and tissue donors through a unique URL customized with your story and picture. All you need to submit to Donate Life California is a picture to be added to your unique URL and a short paragraph about your connection to donation. To start an eCampaign, visit [www.donateLIFCalifornia.org/eCampaign](http://www.donateLIFCalifornia.org/eCampaign).