



# JUDGEMENT

Flash Judgements are judgments that we make about people based upon their appearances and our first impressions of them. In this activity, you will be creating a biography of someone based on only a picture. Be creative and appropriate 😊

- Who is this person? Give the person a name, ethnic heritage, age, educational background, etc.
- Where does this person live? What do they do for a living?
- What is his/her biggest problem or life changing event?
- Would this person be a friend of yours? Explain why or why not.



- 1) **Jordan Burnham** was a popular student athlete, he was elected Freshman Class President, got good grades and had a loving family, including an older sister he adored. But the smiling happy face was a mask he wore to cover the anxiety and depression that lay beneath the surface—fear that he wasn't good enough, difficulty with the transition into high school, pressure to excel academically as well as in sports. Soon he was drinking and his grades were falling, and he was finally diagnosed with depression. A year later, he found himself in a treatment center, and not long after that, in a hospital bed, following his attempt to end his life. Jordan now travels the U.S. speaking to other young adults affected by mental disorders and mental health issues, and help them cope with what they're going through. Although he speaks out on this subject and helps others, it's important to understand that he acknowledges he still has depression. It is something he lives with it every day. He believes it's not something you can just get over, like a cold; it's a daily process. \* Follow up by showing E:60 Episode "Unbreakable" and Harbor TV Episode 10 – Davey Muise.
- 2) **Maria Bolen** is a doctor who was on a 2004 Christmas vacation with her family in Thailand. She was at the resort pool reading a book and watching her husband play with her three sons (Lucas 10, Tomas 8, and Simon 5). Within minutes their lives changed forever when she heard a horrible sound, lie the sound of thousands of big plans. She froze in her tracks as she stared at a black wall of water in front of her. Moments later she was swept away from her family by the torrential force of the Indean Ocean tsunami of 2004. Her journey is depicted in the Hollywood movie – *The Impossible*. \*We do a unit on Tsunamis in my Marine Biology class and watch the video and have several class discussions about the events that took place in the movie and how they relate to my students' lives.
- 3) **Mike Smith** – share Mike Smith's testimony on moving, high school, Calvin, College, Skate for Change, and relationship with Jostens.

