

Who is Rory Cooper helping now?



BACKGROUND:

Rory Cooper was injured in a bicycle accident that left him paralyzed from the waist down. He has drawn from his own experiences to help invent for others. Many people with disabilities experience challenges when using standard devices in daily life. An assistive device allows a person with a disability to perform a task and have equitable access.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Watch this Rory Cooper video: www.youtu.be/JybWQ8X3Gtw
2. Answer the following questions:

Questions	Answers
Who did Rory Cooper initially start out trying to help?	
Who has Rory Cooper gone on to help since his initial days of inventing assistive devices?	

Name one specific invention mentioned in the video and the problem it aimed to solve.	
What unique perspectives do you think Rory Cooper brings to developing assistive devices that other engineers may not? How do you believe this has helped him be a successful inventor?	

3. Describe what you have learned in a paragraph, using the information recorded in the table above. Share your knowledge and opinions of Rory Cooper with your audience (classmates, adults, friends).