



HELEN KELLER

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CHILDHOOD / FAMILY

- born June 1, 1886 in Tuscumbia, Alabama
- when Helen was very ill her parents and doctors thought that she would not survive
- when Helen Keller was 1 1/2 years old she got extremely ill so she lost both hearing and vision at the age of 18 months
- when Helen was 7 years old, finally her parents knew they had to do something so they hired a tutor named Anne Sullivan
- she started speaking at the age of 6 months and started to walk at 1 years old
- born with the senses of sight and hearing
- since Helen was blind it was like a totally different world with different rules
- at age 6 Helen mastered braille



LEARNING TO COMMUNICATE

- Anne Sullivan helped Helen Keller talk, behave, etc...
- Anne put Helen's hand under a water pump and on the other hand Anne spelled W-A-T-E-R
- had to identify the water and the letters that Anne spelled on the other hand
- also did D-O-L-L, E-A-R-T-H, and a lot more
- learned thirty words that day
- with the help of Anne Helen learned to read French and German in braille
- in six short months Helen learned 625 words



MEETING ANNE SULLIVAN

- Anne was very strict, but she had a lot of energy
- Anne taught Helen how to spell with her hands
- Anne was blind, but then she had to get surgery
- she was born April 14, 1866 in Feeding Hills, near Springfield Massachusetts, U.S
- Anne was a teacher to Helen when she was 6 years old
- Anne worked on an autobiography with Helen
- Anne came to work with Helen on March 3rd, 1887 and would be her helper for the next 50 years
- she died in October 20, 1936 in Forest Hills, New York



ADULTHOOD/LATER YEARS

- when Helen was in college she wrote a dozen books
- Helen learned to read Greek and Latin in braille
- as Helen got older she wanted to help people like her self
- she visited 39 countries on five continents
- Helen also did research, gave speeches, and helped raise money for many organizations
- began a writing career that was to continue
- at the age of twenty she entered Radcliff College
- she wrote of her life in several books including The Story of My Life
- she wrote more than ten books in her life and a lot of articles
- she made her last major appearance in 1960 at Washington DC at the Lions Club
- died in her sleep on June 1, 1968



FACTS

- Helen wrote a book called Teacher about Anne Sullivan's life
- she enjoyed animals such as horses, dogs, and chickens
- she liked to work in the garden
- Anne was often called "The Miracle worker" because she helped Helen a lot
- Helen had two older step-brothers and one sister named Katherine Adams Keller



HARD TIMES

- at the age of 18 months Helen became blind and deaf from an unknown illness
- the doctor said she might not recover
- she had a lot of strokes during her life
- Helen had no way of knowing that the rest of the family saw, heard, spoke, or that she was any way different from her family and others
- most strangers didn't know what she said but she kept trying



QUALITIES OF A HERO

- Brave
- Determined
- Patient
- Perseverance
- Optimistic
- Kind

