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Treat Everyone Fairly

Imagine that you cannot see or hear. What would your life be like?

Helen Keller could not see or hear, but she never gave up. She graduated from college and wrote 11 books. She always wanted to be treated the same as everyone else.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson gave her a very special honor. It was the Medal of Freedom. The Medal of Freedom is the highest honor a U.S. citizen can receive.



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Helen Keller — Working for Equal Rights

Young Helen Keller

Helen Keller was born on June 27, 1880. She and her family lived in Alabama.

When Helen was almost two years old, she got very sick. She became blind and deaf. That means she could not see or hear.

Helen Meets Anne

A wonderful person named Anne Sullivan came to teach Helen when she was six. She taught Helen to spell words with hand signs. The first word Helen learned was water.

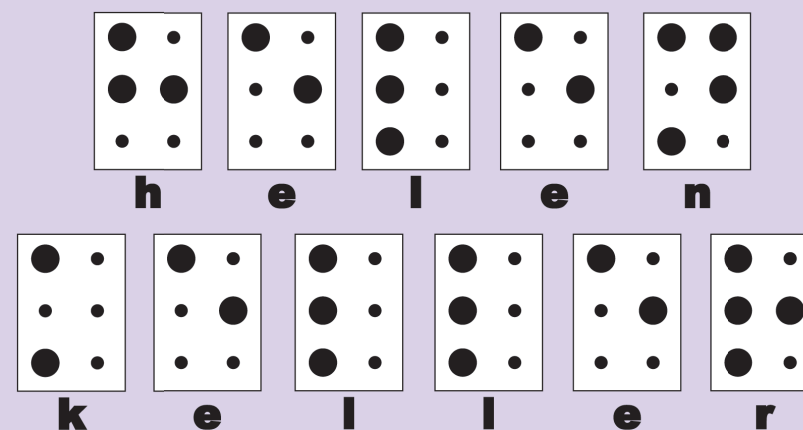
Many people did not believe Helen could ever learn to talk. But with Anne's help, she did.



Read the Dots

How can you read if you can't see the words? If you know Braille, you can feel the words with your fingers.

Braille is like a code that uses raised dots on a page. At first, the words may look like a bunch of bumps. Once you know the code, it's just like reading any other book.



Helen Becomes a Leader

Helen was the first blind and deaf person ever to graduate from college.

Helen believed that everyone should have the same rights. She gave speeches all over the world about the rights of people who have different abilities.

Helen worked hard to make life better for blind and deaf people everywhere.



What are equal rights? When people talk about equal rights, it means everyone should be treated the same. Everyone should have a chance to get a good education and a good job. Everyone should be treated fairly. Their race, religion, gender and abilities should not matter.



What should you do when someone tells you they are sorry? You should accept their apology. You can say, "It's okay. I know you didn't mean it." When you say that, you are forgiving your friend. Forgiving someone means that you are not angry anymore.

Name _____

What would you do?

Your team just won the big game. One of the kids on your team calls the other team a bunch of losers. You know that good sports should not say things that could hurt other people's feelings. What would you do?



Fill in the Blanks

Circle the word that makes each sentence true.

1. Helen Keller was born in _____.

Alabama

Florida

2. When blind people use Braille, they _____ the words.

see

feel

3. The first sign language word Helen Keller learned was _____.

water

teacher

4. Helen Keller was the first blind and deaf person to graduate from _____.

high school

college

The Golden Rule says to treat everyone the way you want to be treated. Draw a picture of a time you followed the Golden Rule.

