

Helen Keller (Sample Biography)

Helen Keller was born in Tuscumbia, Alabama on June 27, 1880. Young Helen Keller was a normal child until she was a year and a half old, then she got a fever. The doctor said there was not much hope for Helen and she would not live much longer. When the fever fell, it took away her seeing and hearing ability. When she was five years old, her baby sister Mildred was born. From that day on, she got angrier every day. When Helen was six years old she got a teacher. Her first lesson was self-control. When she was seven years old, she learned sixty words a day. When she was nine, Helen learned to speak.

In Helen's adult years, she met Charlie Chaplin, Mark Twain, and every president from Grover Cleveland to Lyndon B. Johnson. She raised lots of money to build schools for blind and deaf people in many countries. Helen chose to write and make speeches. Helen was the first blind and deaf person to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree. Helen loved to read and write. Helen did not only know how to write in Braille, she could also write the way we do. She wrote books and published them to express her feelings. Helen cared for everyone. She was brave and had lots of courage. Helen Keller died on June 1, 1986, in Arcan Ridge, Easton, Connecticut, she was 105!

If Helen was still living and she could give me advice, it would be "Never judge people for what they think they can or can't do," and "Don't be afraid of what other people think."

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