

Discussion Prompts

Helen Keller and Anne Sullivan



Here are questions and statements to discuss with your partner. Use details and inferences from the passage to support your ideas. You may jot down notes on this page to remind you of your discussion.

1. How did Helen Keller lose her sight and hearing?
2. Why does Keller describe a ship in the third paragraph?
3. Describe how Anne Sullivan tried to teach Keller language.
4. What is the significance of the doll?
5. What finally caused the breakthrough for Keller? Why do you think it worked?
6. How did Keller change from the beginning to the end of the memoir?
7. What can you infer about Anne Sullivan from the text?
8. What are some themes of this memoir?