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Human Interests: Helen Keller

Imagine not being able to see or hear. It would be pretty tough. Helen Keller wasn't able to do either of those. She was born without the disease but got it later in life. The disease might've been scarlet fever or meningitis. Helen Keller is a big inspiration and everybody should know about her.

Helen Keller was born on June 27, 1880 in Tuscumbia, Alabama. She started without her disease, able to see and able to hear. But about 19 months later she lost her sight and became deaf. Her mothers name was Kate Adams and her father fought for the confederate army during the American civil war. She communicated with her family with home signals. She had over 60 signs at age seven. A woman named Anne Sullivan came to help Helen with her communication. She taught her to write and the very first word she wrote was "Doll". This was a huge breakthrough for Helen.

Helen Keller's education was amazing for being blind and deaf. She started in Perkins institute for the blind. She went from there all the way to Radcliff where she was the very first deaf and blind person to get a Bachelor of Arts degree. She was very determined to communicate to others so she learned to speak. She also learned to "hear" people by feeling their lips while they talked. Someone name Zoellner Quartet helped her listen to music from near by, by feeling the vibrations on a table.

Helen Keller next became a public speaker. She spoke to help lift the spirits of other people with disabilities. She also became a favorite of the Japanese people! She met every president from Grover Cleveland including Alexander Grand Bell, Charlie Chaplin and Mark Twain. She actively campaigned and wrote in support of the working class. She wrote a total of 12 published books and several articles.

Helen Keller was a great inspiration and should be know by everyone. She became a famous rider even though she was blind and deaf. She went through a tough life that not many people could do. She had many breakthroughs and left a mark on our world, and unfortunately died on June 1, 1968.