

# ALL ABOUT Helen Keller

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## *Teacher's Guide*

*Including Common Core Standards, Sample Questions, and Activities*

# *All About the Grand Canyon*

## *Common Core Literacy Scaffolding Questions*

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***Note to teachers and parents:*** The standards listed here are taken from the Common Core Standards: *Grades 6-12, Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, & Technical Subjects* from the subset standards for grades 6-8. The standards listed here are 6-8.1–6-8.10. These Common Core Standards can be viewed in greater detail at this website:

<http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RH/6-8/>

Some states have decided not to adopt the Common Core standards, but the new state standards are uniformly similar. Teachers who choose to use these questions in a state that has not adopted Common Core standards are encouraged to apply their own state standards to these questions. Teachers who choose to use these questions for grades other than 6-8 can find all of the Common Core standards at: <http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/>.

Teachers, please note that these questions are designed only to provide a very basic literacy scaffold and to provide examples. There is plenty of room for you to add your creativity and use your expertise to develop “why” questions and to help students make connections to other texts.

**The questions below should be answered using a complete sentence and with textual evidence from the reading. The questions for the Preface are answered as examples.**

### *Preface*

**Standards:** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.5.

1. What did Anne Sullivan have to find a way to do?

**Sample Answer:** Anne Sullivan had to “find a way to reach into the quiet world of a deaf and blind girl” in order to teach Helen Keller.

2. What did President Lyndon B. Johnson award to Helen Keller?

**Sample Answer:** President Lyndon B. Johnson gave Helen Keller “the Presidential Medal of Freedom” which is the highest honor the United States government can give a civilian.

## *Chapter One*

**Standards:** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.5

1. Why was Kate Keller worried about her daughter, Helen, after Helen recovered from being sick with a fever?
2. Give one example of Helen’s wild behavior.
3. What happened between five-year-old Helen and her baby sister, Mildred?

## *Chapter Two*

**Standards:** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.4.

1. How did Kate Keller learn about the Perkins Institute?
2. What kind of sign language did Dr. Samuel Howe create?
3. Why did Dr. Alexander Graham Bell have such an interest in education for the deaf?

## *Chapter Three*

**Standards:** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.4.

1. Anne Sullivan faced several serious challenges as a young girl; give an example of one.
2. Give an example of what life was like in the poorhouse for Anne and her brother.
3. What did Anne learn at the Perkins Institute?

## *Chapter Four*

**Standards:** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.5.

1. What shocked Anne about Helen Keller when the two first met?
2. Give one example of how Anne Sullivan tried to teach and discipline Helen Keller.
3. Why did Anne Sullivan move Helen Keller out of the Keller's main house?

## *Chapter Five*

**Standards:** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3.

1. What was the biggest problem that Anne had after a month of trying to teach Helen Keller?
2. Study the image on page 27. From this picture and from what you have read in the text; what happened at the water pump that changed Helen Keller's life?
3. How long did it take for Helen Keller to learn the 26 letter Braille alphabet?

## *Chapter Six*

**Standards:** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.6, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.8.

1. What did Michael Anagnos do that caused Anne Sullivan not to trust him?
2. Give one example of something new and exciting that Helen Keller encountered on her first trip to the Perkins Institute.
3. Being unable to see or hear was not always a disadvantage to Helen Keller. How did it help her to learn?

## *Chapter Seven*

**Standards:** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3.

1. What did Sarah Fuller attempt to teach Helen Keller?
2. What was the name of the story that Helen Keller wrote and Michael Anagnos published?

3. What role did John P. Spaulding play in Helen Keller's life?
4. Why did Helen Keller develop such a fondness for the author Mark Twain?

## *Chapter Eight*

**Standards:** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.6, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.8.

1. What was Helen's problem as she prepared for college?
2. What was one of the major challenges that Anne Sullivan and Helen Keller encountered at the Cambridge School for Young Ladies?
3. How did Anne Sullivan react to being forced to leave the Cambridge School for Young Ladies?
4. What were the administrators at Radcliffe College worried about when Anne Sullivan and Helen Keller came to the school?

## *Chapter Nine*

**Standards:** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.6.

1. In what magazine was Helen Keller's *The Story of My Life* first published?
2. Name one cause that Helen Keller used her writing skills to advocate for after her biography was published.
3. Study the map on page 67. In 1907, could women vote in the state you live in? Make a reference to the map key in your answer.
4. How were Anne and Helen making money in the early Twentieth Century?

## *Chapter Ten*

**Standards:** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.6.

1. What was one reason that Helen's family opposed Helen's relationship with Peter Fagan?
2. After Peter Fagan left Helen, what was one way that Helen and Anne made money?
3. What effect did the presence of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt in the White House have for disabled people in the United States?



4. Study the illustration on p. 89. In what way do you think that Helen Keller's visits helped wounded American soldiers in WWII? Make a reference to the illustration in your answer.

## *Chapter Eleven*

**Standards:** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.6.

1. What did President Eisenhower send Helen Keller for her 75<sup>th</sup> birthday?
2. Give one detail about the play or movie *The Miracle Worker* that you found to be interesting.
3. What is one honor that Helen Keller Received in the last years of her life?

## *Text Analysis Questions*

**Standards:** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.2, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.4. CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.9, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.8.

**Prompt:** With a trusted adult watching you, perform an experiment where you have your eyes and ears covered so that you cannot see or hear anything. Try to keep this up for five minutes. When you are finished, review *All About Helen Keller* and find one instance where Helen had to learn something despite not being able to see or hear. Now that you have experienced deaf-blindness, does this change how you feel about Helen Keller's life? Write a paragraph in response and include a quote from a relevant passage of the book.

# *All About Helen Keller Word Search*

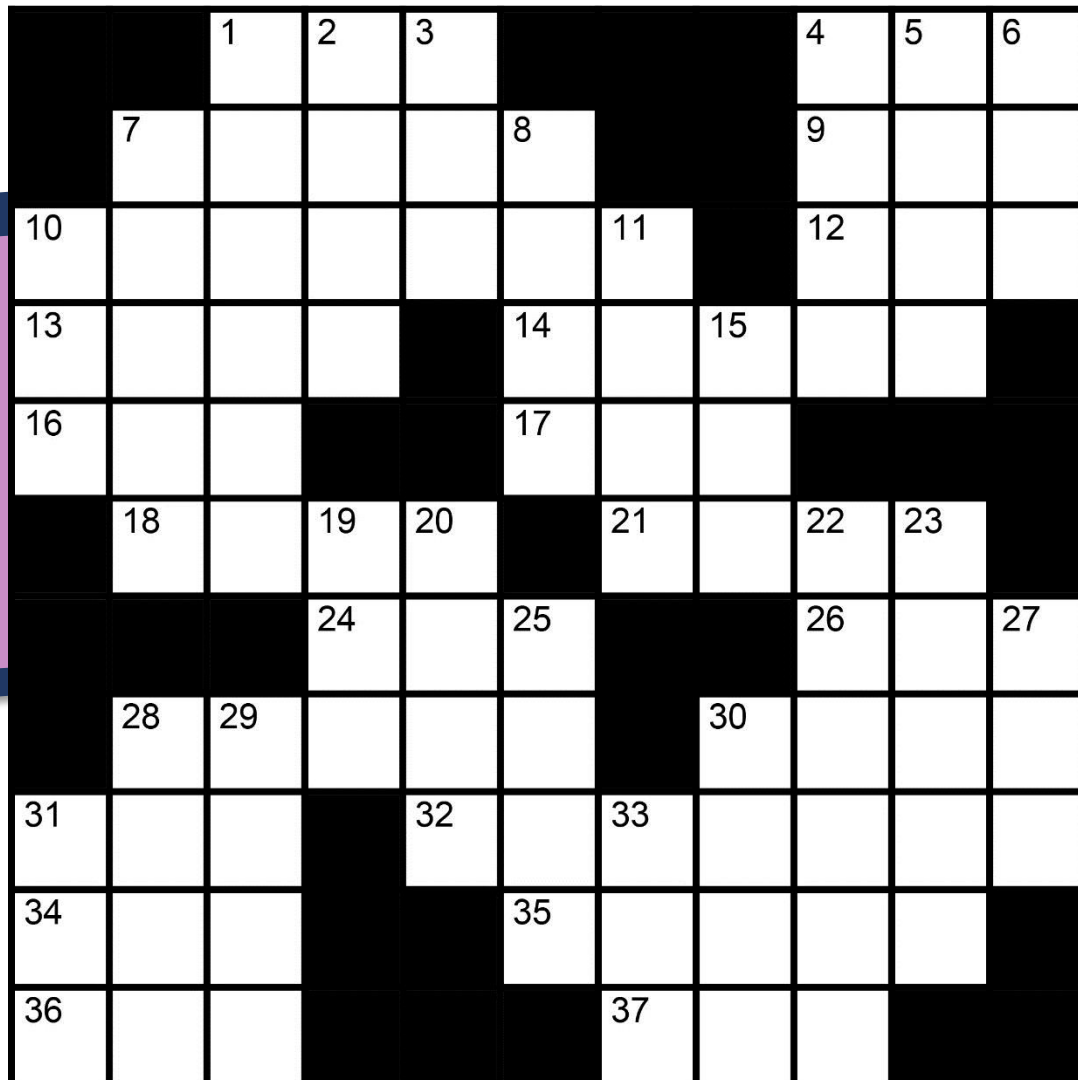
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MIDSTREAM  
MIRACLE WORKER  
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PERKINS  
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# All About Helen Keller Crossword



## Across

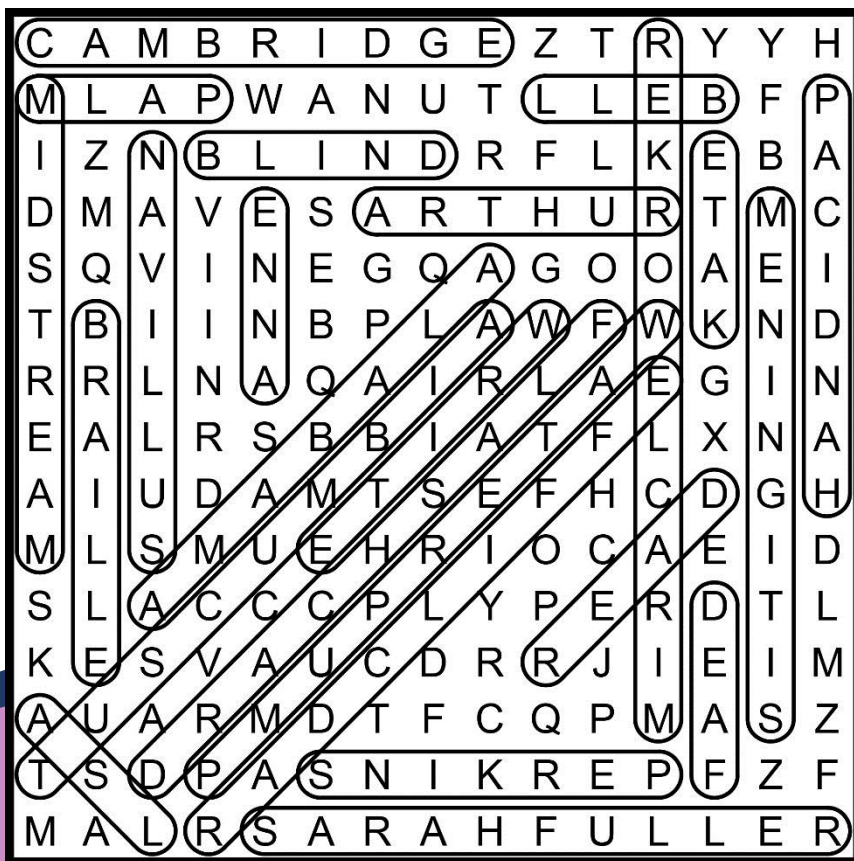
1. "Little Bo-Peep \_\_\_\_ lost..."
4. Potato chip topping
7. Spaghetti or macaroni
9. Put a stop to
10. Writing for the blind that Helen learned
12. Crawling picnic pest
13. Exercise done on a mat
14. College teachers, briefly
16. Direction away from WSW
17. Jazz combo instrument
18. Bitty biting insect
21. Weeps loudly
24. Rejections
26. "Are we there \_\_\_\_?"
28. Symbol of achievement in scouting
30. Addition column
31. \_\_\_\_ Francisco, Calif.
32. State where Helen was born
34. Bowling alley target

## Down

1. \_\_\_\_-Dazs ice cream
2. Largest continent
3. Missouri city on the Mississippi River (Abbr.)
4. Not able to hear, like Helen
5. Cozy country hotels
6. Los Angeles' summer time zone (Abbr.)
7. Fork point
8. Switzerland's mountain range
10. "So long!"
11. Historical time periods
15. Losing tic-tac-toe line
19. Peanut butter \_\_\_\_ jelly
20. Old Roman robe
22. Way to identify someone (2 wds.)

23. Appears to be
25. Unload something in a yard sale
27. Airport screening org. (Abbr.)
28. Worms for fishing
29. Helen's teacher: \_\_\_\_ Sullivan
30. Woodwind instrument
31. Place for pampering and a massage
33. "You've got mail" company





## *All About Helen Keller Answer Key*

