

Resilient Women Presentation

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Helen Keller

- Born on June 27, 1880 in Alabama
- She was the first deaf-blind person to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree
- American author, political activist, and lecturer



Challenge: loss of sight and hearing

- In 1882, an illness, which called "brain fever," struck her and left her blind and deaf



Society Influences

- Her instructor: Anne Sullivan
 - Keller's mentor during her youth
 - Helped Keller make the connection between objects and letters
 - This was an important step for Keller to achieve her future outcomes



Inspirational Acts of Resiliency

- In 1946, Keller was appointed counselor of international relations for the American Foundation of Overseas Blind.
- Between 1946 and 1957, she traveled to 35 countries on five continents.
- In 1955, at age 75, Keller travelled a 40,000 miles trek across Asia.
- Through her many speeches and appearances, she brought inspiration and encouragement to millions of people.



Influence On Others

- During her remarkable life, Keller stood as a strong example of how hard work and imagination can allow an individual to triumph over adversity
- Keller wrote her autobiography *The Story of My Life*, which influenced millions of people about her hard work and resiliency.



Honor

- the Theodore Roosevelt Distinguished Service Medal in 1936
- the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1964, and election to the Women's Hall of Fame in 1965
- honorary doctoral degrees from Temple University, Harvard University and many other universities. Additionally, she was named an Honorary Fellow of the Educational Institute of Scotland.



Interesting

- The relationship between Anne Sullivan and Helen Keller.



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