



DR. OPTICAL'S JUNE ACTIVITY PAGE

Dr. Optical and Miss Illusion just learned a lot about a very famous American lady whose birthday is celebrated in June. Read the clues and see if you can guess the identity of our birthday person.

1. I was born on June 27, 1880 in Tuscumbia, Alabama.
2. I lost my sight and hearing after I was extremely ill when I was 1-1/2 years old.
3. I became very frustrated with my life after my illness and when I was 7 years old my parents hired Anne Sullivan to teach me language.
4. I didn't understand what words actually meant until Miss Sullivan spelled W-A-T-E-R while holding my hand under the water.
5. I loved hot dogs!
6. I learned to speak when I was 10 by feeling Miss Sullivan's mouth when she talked.
7. I learned to read French, German, Greek and Latin in braille.
8. I became the first deaf and blind person to earn a college degree.
9. I was friends with many famous people including Mark Twain, the writer, Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, and President Franklin D. Roosevelt.
10. I visited 39 countries around the world during my lifetime.
11. I won an Oscar for the documentary about my life.
12. I received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest honor an American civilian can receive.
13. I did research, gave speeches and helped raise money for many organizations such as the American Foundation for the Blind.
14. I wrote nearly a dozen books.
15. I visited Bethlehem, PA in 1928 and gave a speech at Liberty High School.
16. I died in my sleep on June 1, 1968.

For more information about our June Birthday Lady check out the American Foundation for the Blind website at www.afb.org.



Happy Birthday, Helen Keller!

