

THE MIRACLE WORKER
Summer Reading Study Guide

Identify the main characters in the book by matching each character with the appropriate description.

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| _____1. Kate | a. a servant's son |
| _____2. Keller | b. the family's cook |
| _____3. Helen | c. Helen's half-brother |
| _____4. Annie Sullivan | d. Helen's mother |
| _____5. James | e. a servant's daughter |
| _____6. Viney | f. a blind and deaf girl |
| _____7. Aunt Ev | g. Perkins Institution director |
| _____8. Anagnos | h. Helen's new teacher |
| _____9. Martha | i. the Keller's relative |
| _____10. Percy | j. Helen's father |

Please answer the following questions. (Act One)

1. How does Kate discover that Helen is blind and deaf? _____

2. What age group best describes when Helen lost her sight and hearing? (a.) 0-2 (b.) 3-5 (c.) 6-10 (d.) 11-13

3. Helen is playing in the yard with two children, Martha and Percy. What does Helen do that alarms the children? How do they react? _____

4. How does Helen show Aunt Ev that she wants her doll to have eyes? _____

5. What is revealed about Annie's background from her conversation with Anagnos, and who is Jimmy? _____

6. When Kate first sees Annie at the train station, how does she react? What are her first impressions of Annie? _____

7. What doubts does Captain Keller express about Annie? Does he think Annie can teach Helen? Why or why not? _____

8. Why does Helen lock Annie in her room? What is the outcome of this episode? _____

(Act Two)

9. When Helen jabs Annie with a sewing needle, Kate gives Helen a sweet to calm her down. How does Annie react to this? What is Kate's reply? _____

10. What happens when Helen comes to Annie's place at the breakfast table? Describe the scuffle that follows. How does the family interfere? What does Annie finally tell them? _____

11. Why did the Keller's agree to let Annie move into the garden house with Helen? _____

12. How did teaching Helen at the garden house work out and why did Annie say, "Obedience is not enough"? _____

13. Describe the miracle that occurs at the water pump. _____
