

# **Summary of Helen Keller**

*“Fortunately, I have much work to do and while doing it I shall have confidence, as always, that my unfulfilled longings shall be gloriously satisfied, in a world where eyes never grow dim, nor dull.”*

*Helen Keller (1956)*

## **Interesting Facts**

- She was born in Tuscomb, Alabama on June 27, 1880.
- Died in 1968.
- Became deaf and blind in 1882.
- Was a student of Anne Sullivan for thirteen years.
- First word that she was able to sign was “water”.
- Increased her vocabulary from 30 words to 300 in a few short months.

## **Education**

- The Perkins Institute for the Blind.
- Wright Humasson School in New York.
- Cambridge School for Young Ladies.
- Radcliffe College.

## **Acknowledgements**

- Received a Bachelors of Arts with Honors from Radcliffe College.
- Wrote: an account of her life for the “Ladies Home Journal”.
  - “The Story of My Life”
  - “Out of the Dark”
  - “The World We Live In”
  - “Midstream”
  - “My Later Life”
  - “Helen Keller’s Journal”
  - “Let Us Have Some Faith”
- Comforted soldiers, who had lost hope during World War II, published speeches that addressed: ending capital punishment, instituting women’s rights, socialism, equality, and motivational commentary for disabled students.
- Raised funds for the American Foundation for the Blind.
- Lobbied Commissions for the blind in thirty states.