***My Hero: Annie Sullivan***

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| **Hero's name:**  **Annie Sullivan** | **INFORMATION** |
| **Family background** | **Her mother died when she was young and her father had a bad temper. She had two siblings, but they were sent away after her mother died.** |
| **Political/Social situation at time** | **In the 1800s, few people knew how to teach disabled children. Sometimes they were left to die or were put into hospitals for their entire lives.** |
| **Childhood** | **Annie's childhood was difficult. Her family was very poor. Her younger brother died when she was young.** |
| **Events that influenced the person** | **Annie had a disease that caused her to lose her eyesight.** |
| **Hardships** | **Annie was blind for a time, she missed her brother, and she had to study very hard to graduate top of her class.** |
| **Turning points** | **Annie regained her eyesight and graduated valedictorian of her class. She began teaching blind children.** |
| **Achievements** | **She taught the famous deaf, blind, and mute Helen Keller how to read, write, and speak.** |
| **How the person changed the world** | **Annie was a brave teacher to take such a challenge. She brought knowledge into Helen Keller's life and helped Helen become a famous author, activist, and hero.** |
| **Why I chose her** | **I love that Annie persevered despite horrible difficulties, and that her determination made it possible for someone such as Helen Keller to be able to communicate with the world. Annie is an unsung hero, but one I highly respect!** |

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