

English Corner: Suggested Article of Discussion

1. Article 9-2: Helen Keller (1880 - 1968)

For many years, the name of Helen Keller has had a special meaning for millions of people in all parts of the world. Her success gave others hope and courage (勇气). For nineteen months after her birth, Helen Keller was just like any other child; but then she got a strange sickness, which brought silence and darkness she became deaf and blind, for the next five years she had no way of talking with other people.

Then a teacher—Anne Sullivan—arrived from Boston to help her. She tried to teach Helen to live like other people. She taught her how to use her hands as a way of speaking. She taught Helen how to read, how to write and how to speak. She helped her to get ready for school and college. In time, Helen did go to famous Radcliff Woman's College (哈佛大学女子分校) and completed her studies with high honors. She wrote many books :”The story of my Life”; “The world of my Life”; “Out of the dark”; “Teacher” etc.

All of Helen Killer' knowledge reached her mind through her sense of touch and smell and, of course, her feelings.

Throughout her life, she worked non-stop (不停) to improve (改善) the lives of people who were blind and deaf. Helen's own approach to life can be summed up by her advice to a five-year-old child in 1932, “Never bend your head, always hold it high. Look the world straight in the face.”

In 1964, Helen was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom (总统自由奖), the US nation's highest civilian award, by President Lyndon Johnson. A year later, she was elected to the Women's Hall of Fame (女人名人榜) at the New York World's Fair. Anne Sullivan, Helen's Private

teacher, died in 1936; Helen wrote and said many kind things about her.

My teacher is so near to me that I do not think of myself as apart from her.

All the best of me belong to her, Everything I am today was awakened (唤醒) by her loving touch.”

2. Discussion:

1. Briefly tell the story of Helen Keller.
2. How did Helen Keller's teacher, Anne Sullivan, influence her live?
3. What lessons can we lean from these famous people?

3. Remember Seven Phrase a Week:

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| 351. I was taking care of Sally. | 我在照顾萨莉。 |
| 352. I wish I lived in NEWYORK. | 我希望住在纽约。 |
| 353. I'm very glad to hear that. | 很高兴听你这样说。 |
| 354. I'm your lucky partner then. | 我是你的幸运舞伴啦! |
| 355. It's none of your business! | 这不关你的事儿! |
| 356. No littering on the campus. | 在校园内勿乱丢废物。 |
| 357. She is a good-looking girl. | 她是一个漂亮女孩。 |

4. Proverbs:

1. If winter comes, can spring be far behind?
2. The secret of success is constancy to purpose.
3. Life is meaningful to those who have ideals.
4. Great works are performed not by strength but by perseverance.