



Assignment

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Read the following passage carefully.

I have often thought it would be a blessing if each human being was stricken blind and deaf for a few days at some time during his adult life. Darkness would make him more appreciative of sight, silence would teach him the joy of sound. Now and then I have tested my seeing friends to discover what they see. Recently I asked a friend, who had just returned from a long walk in the woods, what she has observed. "Nothing in particular," she replied. How was it possible I asked myself to walk for an hour through the woods and see nothing worthy of note. I, who cannot see find hundreds of things to interest me through mere touch. I feel the delicate symmetry of leaf. I pass my hands lovingly about the smooth skin of a silver birch or the rough, shaggy bark of a pine. In spring I touch the branches of trees hopefully in search of a bud, the first sign of awakening nature after her winter's sleep. Occasionally if I am fortunate & place my hand gently on a small tree and feel the happy quiver of a bird in full song. At times my heart cries out with longing to see all these things. If I can get so much pleasure from mere touch, how much more beauty must be revealed by sight. And I have imagined what I should must like to see if I were given the use of my eyes, say, just for three days. I should divide the period into three parts. On the first day, I should want to see the people whose kindness and gentleness and companionship have made my life worth living. First, I would like to gaze upon the face of my dear teacher, Mr. Anne Sullivan Macy. She came to see me when I was a child. She opened the other world for me.

Answer the following questions:

1. What would make one's blindness more appreciative of sight? _____
 2. What would silence teach one's deafness? _____
 3. Where did her friend go? _____
 4. How could Helen Keller find hundreds of thing? _____
 5. Whom (give relation) would she like to see first if she was given sight? _____
 6. Give the noun form of 'observe'? _____
 7. The plural form of 'leaf' is? _____
 8. The verb form of 'thought' is? _____
- "It would be a blessing if each human being was stricken blind and deaf for a few days at some time during his adult life." says Helen.
9. What makes her thing so? _____

 10. Mention the things of interest than Helen found through the sense of touch? _____

