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The Miracle Worker- Outline

1. Introduction
   1. Helen Keller
      1. Scarlet fever
      2. Blind, deaf and mute
   2. Family
      1. Considered mental institution
   3. Annie Sullivan
      1. Helen’s mentor
      2. Determined
2. Helen’s Family Approach
   1. No discipline fomented
   2. Seen as a hopeless case
   3. Never imposed authority
   4. Mental institute considered
3. Ms. Anne Sullivan’s Past
   1. Damaged eyesight
   2. Suffered through asylum
   3. Younger brother died
   4. Perkins School for the Blind
4. Ms. Sullivan’s Approach
   1. She knew Helen’s potential
   2. Was willing to struggle
   3. Positive Reinforcement
   4. Reverse Psychology
5. Quotes
   1. “The language is more important to the mind than light is to the eyes.”
   2. “Having pity for someone is a waste of energy; feeling sorry for ourselves is even worse.”
   3. “Obedience is not enough; she knows so many words, yet doesn’t know their meaning.”
   4. “A bird learns how to use it wings, it has to come”
   5. “The bird is coming out of its shelter just like you”
6. Conclusion
   1. Overcoming obstacles and disabilities
   2. Education
      1. Intention and communication
      2. “Where there’s will, there’s a way.”