

The Miracle Worker – Helen Keller Narrative

This week you will combine the Descriptive and Narrative genres to tell the story of Helen Keller from her own point of view. What might Helen have sensed, felt, or thought in the moments before, during, and after her life-changing discovery at the water pump?

You may set the stage briefly by starting in the dining room; however, the majority of your story should center on the climax of the play at the water pump and Helen’s discovery of language.

Write a 1st person narrative at least 2 paragraphs in length with each paragraph consisting of at least 6 sentences. **The final paragraphs must be typed and MLA formatted.** Work with your parent to edit your paragraph, and together, continue revising until you have completed the following checklist.

Narrative Writing

- A clear chronological order with a beginning, middle, and end
- Focuses on the climax of the play when Helen first discovers language.
- Told from Helen’s point of view.
- Written in 1st person voice (Helen is the only narrator)

Descriptive Writing

- Strong verbs and specific nouns
- Quality adjectives and adverbs
- 2 examples of figurative or sensory language, **highlighted** and labeled:
 - simile
 - metaphor
 - personification
 - alliteration
 - sensory details

(you may include more of the above but please only highlight and label 2 examples)

Sentence & Paragraph Structure

- 2 paragraphs of at least 6 sentences (please count!)
- At least 2 transitions per paragraph
- At least 3 different sentence openers per paragraph (can double as transitions)
- No contractions

MLA Formatted Document

- Line spacing set to double (2.0)
- Paragraph spacing set to zero (0)
- 1 inch margins on all sides
- Times New Roman, 12-pt font
- Header w/Last Name and Page Number in upper right corner, ½ inch from top
- Student’s Name, Tutor’s Name, Course, and Date on first four lines, aligned left
- Date formatted like 15 August 2023
- Creative title centered on 5th line
- First line of each ¶ indented by ½ inch.

Submission

- Submit your paragraphs to turnitin.com
- Submit a printed copy with this signed sheet stapled *behind* it.

I have verified that my student has followed all directions and included all components as shown on the checklist above.

Parent Signature: _____ Date _____