

Using the chart you found online, learn how to spell your name. Once you accomplish that, get a partner and try to spell your name into the palm of their hand. Obviously the girls will not understand the communication system, however they will start to understand the process Anne went through to teach Helen how to communicate. After a few minutes of trying, ask them the following questions.

Could you feel the different shape of your partner's hand as she tried to spell each letter of her name?

Could you imagine an entire lesson being taught using this as your primary tool?

Describe what part devotion plays in the process of teaching Helen how to communicate?

### **Going Deeper - a little more grace, a little more grit.**

To understand how Anne taught Helen to communicate with her hands, have the girls take turns closing their eyes and letting another girl spell words into her hand. It's difficult, so they may have to just guess letters!

### **OBJECTIVE**

Teaching girls to understand how the deaf communicate

### **COMPETENCY**

Understanding the patience and devotion it takes to "teach" using this method. Anne's patience proves the strength of her devotion to Helen Keller.

### **MATERIAL**

Manual Alphabet Chart found easily through a Google search.