# Through Deaf Eyes

## Questionnaire

1. **The only communication mode the Deaf community utilizes is sign language.**

**T or F**

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1. **Why did Sam Supalla think the neighbor girl was strange?**

Sam Supalla thought the neighbor girl was strange because she used her lips to communicate with her mother.

1. **What percentages of all deaf people have hearing parents?**

Over 90% of all deaf people have hearing parents.

1. **About how many Americans are profoundly deaf?**

300,000 Americans are profoundly deaf.

1. **Who, in 1817, opened the first permanent school for the deaf?**

Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet.

1. **In 1864, who signed the law establishing American’s first college for deaf people?**

Abraham Lincoln.

1. **How was Alexander Graham Bell (AGB) connected to the deaf community?**

His wife and mother were deaf. He was also a teacher of deaf children and therefore was very familiar with the deaf.

1. **Why is AGB against deaf people marrying each other?**

He is against deaf people marrying each other because he believed that the cases of deafness would rise. He thought the people would give rise to deaf.

1. **Why was AGB considered to be the boogieman in deaf folklore?**

He argued that signing prevented deaf people from speaking and hearing. He believed that oral school could make a deaf person to learn to hear.

1. **Why were the students at oral schools not allowed to sign? What were their teachers afraid of?**

The teachers were afraid that the signing would discriminate against them since it marked a difference from the hearing people.

1. **Why do some successful oral deaf people like Kristen Harmon choose not to use speech even though she is easy to understand?**

She felt that people could see her like someone who understands everything and assumed she could hear them. In some circumstances, he needed to use sign.

1. **Why did the NAD begin making films in 1910?**

NAD began making films in 1910 to preserve sign language.

1. **What kinds of activities were available through deaf clubs?**

All kinds of activities were available through deaf clubs.

1. **What technological development probed to be disastrous for deaf movie actors?**

The hearing people preferred the films that involved talking and cut off the deaf from access to the movie.

1. **What policy was established by the NAD in 1925 after a black deaf couple tried to attend the annual convention?**

The deaf organization banned black people from joining the annual convention; the ban was placed for 40 years.

1. **What is an audiogram?**

An audiogram is a test measure of the ability to detect sound.

1. **What historic event occurred in May 1964 through the efforts of Robert Weitbrecht and his partners, James Marsters and Andrew Sachs?**

They invented the deaf telephone, which was visible. The telephone had a teletypewriter, after which it could display messages clearly.

1. **Which Gallaudet professor who is known for playing bagpipes on campus published the first sign language dictionary in 1965 with his deaf colleagues Dorothy Casterline and Carl Croneberg?**

William Stokoe.

1. **How was the dictionary important to the history of ASL?**

It was a visual dictionary that dealt with arranging words by the sign handshape, location, and movement; ASL was an actual language with its own body, a language with its structure and rules, a language that uses its entire body and accommodates metaphors and even mistakes.

1. **What is the origin of the huddle in football?**

Gallaudet University's football squad

1. **After Ben Bahan studied the grammar of ASL in college, what did he realize about the signing style of his father?**

His father’s signing style was perfect based on ASL.

1. **List two techniques that are common to ASL storytelling and film making.**
   1. Setting the scene in line with the narration.
   2. Timing; showing relevant use of expressions in line with the film.
2. **What year was the National Theatre of the Deaf (NTD) established?**

It was established in1967.

1. **Which college for the deaf was opened in Rochester, New York in 1968?**

The National Technical Institute for the Deaf.

1. **What are some “movie effects” that are used in ASL?**

Some of movie effects are timing and slow motion.

1. **List at least 3 classifiers (CL) Wayne Betts used in his film: Vital Signs. What did each CL represent?** 
   1. One hand shape represented a person.
   2. Three-hand shapes represented a vehicle, which showed how the car moved.
   3. Five claw shapes for the heart.
2. **In the play, My Third Eye, what do you think the “bucket” scene represent?**

Punishment or torture

1. **Why were Children of a Lesser God so important to deaf people?**

It showed the relationship of deaf people interacting with the community. It also showed the leading role of deaf people.

1. **Why were leaders of the deaf community upset with the way Marlee Matlin presented the names of the nominees for the best actor at the Academy Awards?**

The leaders expected her to sign the names and that could represent the deaf community.

1. **During the Gallaudet Deaf President Now (DPN) protests of 1988, how did the students’ leaders block the entrances and exits to the university?**

They took all the buses, blocked the entrances and exits, and flattened the wheels.

1. **Name some of the reasons why it was important to the deaf community to have a deaf president at Gallaudet University.**

To prove to the world that the deaf were able to do something and the school was for the deaf.

1. **What is “the most celebrated event in deaf history” known as?**

Deaf President Now

1. **According to a 1988 News poll, what percentage of the general public supported the student leaders in the DPN protests at Gallaudet?**

93% of the general public supported the leaders in the DPN protests.

1. **How did the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) that was passed by the U.S. Congress in 1990 benefit American citizens?**

It prohibits discriminating with disabilities in many areas including, services and access to local government programs, employment, public accommodation, and transportation.

1. **Why are cochlear implants (CI) not “an automatic way to pick up spoken language”?**

Cochlear implants have limited processors and millions of hair.

1. **How do teachers communicate to students at the Maryland School for the Deaf?**

The teachers communicate to students through signs.

1. **When is sign language used in the classrooms at the Clarke School for the Deaf in Northampton, Mass?**

They do not use sign language in the classroom.

1. **What percentage of deaf children spend their entire education mainstreamed in regular public schools?**

85% of deaf children spend their entire education mainstreamed in regular public schools.

1. **What does deaf professor, Gina Oliva, mean when she says “Met deaf, WOW!”?**

Sh**e** meant that she was not the only deaf person; there were many people like her.

1. **How many deaf musicians are in the band Beethoven’s Nightmare?**

Three deaf musicians are in the band Beethoven’s Nightmare.

1. **According to musician, Ed Chevy, what is the huge important part of deaf culture?**

Deaf people have rhythm inside their body, and they are famous for storytelling which essential part of deaf culture is.

1. **According to author Tom Humphries, what are deaf people afraid of?**

That will lose what they have since they are embedded with people who are different from them.

1. **According to actor and director, CJ Jones, what is the most powerful vehicle to success and the power of the universe?**

Knowledge is the most powerful vehicle to success and power of the universe.

1. **Most deaf children today are mainstreamed into regular public schools. What resources do they have to help them learn?**

The deaf children have hearing aids, cochlear implants, and sign language.

1. **Name 5 things you learned while watching this film that you didn’t know before.**

I learned that deaf people can also be taught speech and can speak.

I learned that over 90% of deaf people have hearing parents.

I learned that 85% of deaf children spend their entire education mainstreamed in regular public schools.

I learned that 300,000 Americans are profoundly deaf.

I learned that NAD began making films in 1910 to preserve sign language.