

The Miracle Worker Character Breakdown

Annie Sullivan, appears to be in her early/late 20s, is Helen's teacher. She is a strong and vibrant woman who is determined to connect Helen to the world. Her challenging past is what drives her to push Helen to the brink. There is a crude vitality to her and she is undeterred by the Keller's protection of their daughter Helen. She is involved in intense physical scenes. Must have a strong connection to Helen. Irish accent is a plus.

Helen Keller, appears to be 8 1/2 years old, is a deaf, blind mute. She is trapped in her own world, unable to speak, hear, or see. She is almost not human as she has been blind and deaf since she was stricken with scarlet fever as a baby. She is involved in intense physical scenes. Must have a strong connection to Annie Sullivan.

Captain Arthur Keller, age 40s - 50s, is Helen's father. A captain, he is stern, but devoted to his family. He struggles to connect to young Helen, but he is loving nonetheless.

Kate Keller, age 30s - 40s, is Helen's mother. She is tormented by Helen's perceivably insurmountable disability. She seeks to please Helen in order to avoid the tantrums and to compensate for her extreme misfortune. She is a captain's wife, completely devoted to her husband, but a fiercely devoted mother as well. She is determined to give Helen any chance she can get.

James Keller, age teens - 20s, is Helen's halfbrother, the son of the captain. He is described as indolent. He sees Helen as mentally defective and believes it best she be put in an asylum.

Aunt Eve, age 30s - 50s, is Helen's aunt. She is a talkative, opinionated woman who serves as the catalyst for the Kellers' contact with the Perkins School for the Blind.

Anagnos/Doctor, age 40s - 50s, is Annie's counselor at the Perkins Institution for the Blind. A dear and kind man, he is very fond of Annie. He serves as a mentor and friend. Will double as doctor.

Viney or Virginia, age 30s - 60s, is a servant. He/she is cheerful and very loving towards the Keller children.

Martha, age 8 - 12, is a playmate of Helen.

Percy, age 8 - 12, is a playmate of Helen.

Blind Girls - students at the Perkins Institute

A Servant

Offstage Voices (including "Jimmy," Annie's dead little brother)