

In 1866, one of America's most memorable citizens was born. Her name was Ann Sullivan.

Ann Sullivan did not have a very good childhood. When she was only ten years old, she was sent to Tewksbury Almshouse. Later in her life she was sent to Perkins Institute for the Blind because her eyes were seriously damaged from a childhood infection.

In 1886, she graduated from the Perkins Institute and one year later was sent to teach a blind, deaf, and stubborn seven year-old girl how to spell and basically become a civilized human being. Her name was Helen Keller.

This task was probably the toughest thing she had to accomplish in her life. She struggled to teach Helen how to understand things, but never gave up. After a while, Ann finally got through to Helen and achieved her goal. She did not abandon Helen like most people do when they achieve their goals. Instead she became Helen's full

time teacher for the rest of her life.

In 1905, Ann fell in love with and married a man named John Macey. They lived and loved each other until Ann's death in 1936.

Ann Sullivan was an extraordinary woman. She had a harsh childhood but did not pity herself. Instead she tried to make the most of herself and become a teacher, as well as, a role model. She never gave up on something she wanted to accomplish. That's why Ann Sullivan is my rolemodel!