

THE MIRACLE WORKER

Pre-Reading Questions

Before we begin reading *The Miracle Worker*, answer and prepare to discuss these important questions related to the play.

1. Language

- What part does language play in a typical day in your life?
- Have you experienced a language obstacle with someone who could not understand you or vice versa? Explain.
- Besides providing information about a subject and/or topic, what else does communicating with others reveal?

2. The Senses

- Rank the five senses in order of importance.
- If you were to choose one sense to keep, which would you choose and why?
- With that one sense, what other things you enjoy would have to be sacrificed?
- Which sense is least important to you?

3. Discipline

- Do you think children must have discipline in order to grow into responsible adults?
- How would you define effective discipline?
- Do you believe in spanking? Time-outs? What works best?
- What is the most effective form of discipline used by your parents/guardians? What is the least effective form of discipline?

4. Expectations

- Do people often achieve anything beyond what is expected of them?
- Do you think high expectations are beneficial or detrimental to a child?
- Whose expectations of you are most important to you, your own or someone else's?

5. Disabilities

- How do you feel when you are around a person with disabilities?
- Do you have a relative or friend with a disability? If so, how do they want to be treated?
- How would you want to be treated if you had a disability?