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The Miracle Worker by William Gibson

Author _____

of pages _____

Main Characters _____

Setting _____

Theme - Theme is an observation of life that serves as the controlling idea in a literary work. This play focuses on isolation. In what way is Helen isolated? How does she react to her isolation? What key does Annie realize will release Helen from it?

Theme - Explain how James also feels isolated. How does he begin to overcome isolation? Use content from the play to support your response.

Theme - Annie feels emotionally isolated. Why? What releases Annie from her isolation? Use support for the play.

Plot - Plot is the progression of events in a literary work. How does the relationship between James and Captain Keller change during the course of the play? What event is a turning point in their relationship and why?

Plot - How does the relationship between Annie and Helen change during the course of the play? What is the turning point in their relationship and why?

Obedience without knowledge is a form of blindness. What does Annie think might happen to Helen if she only knew to obey and nothing else? Use content from the play to support your answer.

What is Annie's philosophy of teaching? Use her letters as a guide to determining your response.

Symbol - A symbol is a thing that represents something else. The pump is used as a symbol in the play. Using events from the play as support, explain how the pump is symbolic.
