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## Deaf Culture Timeline – PBS Website

Directions: Use the Deaf Culture website to answer the following questions. Click here to access the website [Deaf Culture Website](http://www.pbs.org/wnet/soundandfury/culture/deafhistory.html) or copy and paste this url into your browser <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/soundandfury/culture/deafhistory.html>

Click on “Deaf History” and then “View the Timeline” to answer the following questions.

1. In 1000 BC, what were “deaf-mutes” not allowed to do? Why do you think this was a law?
2. Why was the son of King Croesus not recognized as his father’s heir in 384-322 B.C?
3. Who wrote the first well-known book of the manual alphabet? Do you think this was an important event? Why or why not?
4. What was significant about Martha’s vineyard in the 1690-1880 time period?
5. Why is DE L’EPPE important in Deaf history?
6. How are Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, Roche Sicard and Laurent Clerc connected?
7. Do you think the idea of a “deaf state” is a good idea?
8. When did Gallaudet University open? What President signed the charter for it?
9. Do you think Alexander Graham Bell was helpful to Deaf education? Why or why not?
10. Why was the Milan Conference important for Deaf education?



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11. Why do you think Deaf athletes are so important to Deaf people?
12. Why did jobs become more available to Deaf people from 1910 -1950?
13. What does the invention of the TTY do for Deaf people? Have you ever used a TTY?
14. What is "Total Communication?"
15. What was the invention of closed captions a big development for Deaf people?
16. Marlee Matlin won an Oscar for the movie, "Children of a Lesser God". What other roles have you seen Marlee Matlin in more recently?
17. Why was the Deaf President Now protest important?
18. When the ADA law was passed in 1990, what changed for Deaf people?
19. Why do you think people would label residential schools as "most restrictive"?
20. What has happened that is not on this timeline, that you feel is very important for Deaf culture/history?

