If you believe in miracles, please take time to continue reading my book report, because this book is about a true story of a teacher, Annie Sullivan, and a disabled student, Helen Keller, who resisted the dark adversity and her physical disability with courage and determination to win the battle of life. In these two people’s lives, there are incredible challenges which remind us of the power of courage and determination.

God had been playing cruel games with Annie Sullivan since she was small. Her left eye was almost totally blind, her father indulged deeply in drinking wine and deserted her, her mother got an incurable disease after her youngest sister was born, and her beloved brother Jimmie got desperately ill on his legs. Fortune was against her family. Apart from those difficulties, no relatives were willing to accept her and Jimmie due to their disabilities and troubles. They were then sent to the poorhouse. What made Annie’s life worse was the death of Jimmie. He died of strain. Annie lost encouragement and vitality. A few months later, she struggled for an opportunity to study at a special school to satisfy her hunger for knowledge. Coincidently, Annie met a friend who helped her find a doctor to heal her blindness. Finally Annie graduated from college with honor due to her efforts.

This is the life of Annie Sullivan.

Have you ever considered the value of life?

The value of life is how meaningful we make it. It does not depend on its duration, but its use or contribution to the world at large. Everyone, including the tiny ants, has his or her own value of life, and so does Annie. Perhaps you have complained, ‘I am junk! I have no contribution to the world! I have no value of life! No one accepts me!’ Indeed, nowadays many people are depressed or angry and give up their families due to unemployment, failure in examination and so on. They do not understand how to treasure their life and the things around them. They are cowards who are easily defeated by handicaps and misadventure. In my point of view, this is the most selfish, irresponsible and foolish attitude toward life and family. Such a method cannot solve any problems either.
For Annie Sullivan, her blindness, her relatives’ desertation and others’ rejection were challenging her repeatedly on her life’s road. Nevertheless, her pride and determination sustained her optimism and courage. She crawled, bore the torture and kept working until she reached her ambition. She would not surrender before hardship and did not allow odds to defeat her. Her spirit is highly commendable and inspirational.

It is not necessary for everyone to make a great discovery or invention. Cherishing life, being optimistic, brave and tough enough to face adversity as well as appreciating what we have are sufficient for a meaningful life. This is the value of life. A normal life often has failures. Failures are not shameful but are growth prints in our sands of life. We learn to be wise and gain experiences from mistakes, which lead to victory. Only those who do not know how to stand up will give up their lives. So dear friends, if we have been despondent, in tears, depressed or have no power to face cruel reality, let us remember Annie Sullivan. She will inspire us to keep going.

Here is another story. As helping disabled students to receive education was Annie’s job, she met little Helen Keller, who was mute, deaf and blind because of a strange fever when she was two years old. Helen’s world was a dark and silent prison. Every day she just threw things around and yelled like a wild animal in the forest. Annie hoped she could help Helen to live a full life by teaching her how to finger spell. From resistance to understanding the learning tasks, Annie faced much conflict, but she made it. Helen gradually trusted Annie, and learnt more and more words, and read more and more books. Then she entered college to acquire knowledge and she became a famous writer in the USA.

This is the life of Helen Keller.

Apart from speaking, are there any other methods to express love?

Annie and Helen loved each other. I think love is fostered mutually, and it is usually expressed by verbal communication, by saying words. But Helen was mute, deaf and blind, how could Annie show her love to Helen? It was through actions. Every day, Annie used her gentle hands to touch Helen, brought her outside to play with her and taught her things. They gradually established trust between each other. This is the basic way to build a bridge of love. Today, many people are apathetic or too proud and they often doubt or despise others, even their family due to the
temptation of pride, self-esteem or indifference. There is no love among them. However, like Annie, if we give a hand to others and smile, or understand others’ feelings by heart, perhaps love will be more touching and fulfilling to the soul. Love is noble.

We can learn much from Annie’s attitude towards Helen. For being healthy, we must give our gratitude to heaven. We should also care for and encourage the disabled to have a good life.

There are still many things we can learn from these two people. They tell us to be brave enough to face difficulties and that it is possible to make miracles. Life is full of splendid miracles indeed. Life is like a clock and we do not know what time it will ring. Because we do not know when our life ends, we must cherish it. We should not hesitate to do anything that we think is right. We must make full use of our life till the end. There will be no regrets at all, just like the last touching sentence written in the story: ‘Annie hadn’t failed.’ Annie gave a full life to Helen, and Helen wrote valuable books to the world. In their own way, they have brightened and enlightened the world.

A Man was found Disguising Himself as a Cop in a Robbery – By Holly Fung F.2A

A robbery was reported at 11:53pm yesterday. A man aged 43 with a One-way Permit was arrested and detained by the police for further investigations.

Last night, a woman reported that a man in police uniform asked for her identity card at Salisbury Road near the Peninsula Hotel. The woman refused at first, but the man threatened to take her to the police station. She then took out her wallet and handed it to the ‘policeman’. The man immediately grabbed the wallet and fled towards the Tsim Sha Tsui MTR Station. The victim said that she had about five thousand dollars in her wallet.

‘The man hit the street lamp and there was blood on his forehead,’ said Mr Chow, a witness who was near the MTR station. ‘He got in a taxi, which drove towards Nathan Road,’ said another witness, Miss Chan. At 1:05am, a man with a bleeding forehead was found in the Tseung Kwan O Hospital. The police arrived ten minutes later and arrested the suspect. The police also found that the police uniform the man was wearing had missing items. Investigations on how the suspect got the
uniform were still being carried out.

‘The police never ask for your wallet or your personal belongings for checking. They only ask for your identity card,’ said Inspector Pang, who was responsible for the investigations of the case. ‘Also, remember not to give any personal information such as telephone number, identity card number, address and your credit card number to people you don’t know.'