

Discussion Points for Mr. Holland's Opus

You just watched a segment from the film Mr. Holland's Opus. This film shows how hearing impairment, particularly deafness, can impact not only a child who has the impairment, but also the entire family.

1) Why do you think Mr. Holland has a particularly difficult time coming to terms with Cole's deafness?

2) How do you think that Cole's deafness may impact his relationship with his father and his mother and the relationship between his mother and father in the future?

3) What modalities of communication were used by Cole?