

Compassion-based projects

THE SHORT VERSION

Project ideas designed to build empathy, awareness, and real-world understanding of Deaf culture and accessibility. Students can explore these topics individually or in groups.

TEN PROJECTS

Empathy, awareness, and real-world understanding.

01 Deaf awareness campaign

Design a campaign to raise awareness about Deaf culture, language access, or audism. Students can create posters, videos, social media mockups, or present to younger students or staff.

02 “A day in the life” of a Deaf individual

Create a visual or video project showing a day in the life of a Deaf person. Students may research real experiences or imagine daily challenges and successes from a Deaf perspective.

03 Making schools Deaf-friendly

Evaluate your own school for accessibility. What changes could make it more inclusive for Deaf students? Students can submit reports, visual proposals, or presentations.

04 Interview a Deaf person (or watch one)

Conduct or analyze an interview with a Deaf community member. Students reflect on their story and present insights in a written summary or signed presentation.

05 “If I lost my hearing...” reflection

Write or sign a personal reflection imagining what life would be like if you lost your hearing. This builds a personal connection to the Deaf experience.

06 Accessibility in public spaces

Pick a public place (e.g., store, airport, hospital) and evaluate its accessibility for Deaf people. Provide an audit, report, or visual proposal for improvement.

07 Create a children’s book about Deafness

Design a storybook to help children understand Deafness and ASL in a positive, engaging way. Students may write, illustrate, or sign the story.

08 Deaf role models research project

Research a Deaf person who made a difference in their field — activist, artist, athlete, leader. Present their story and impact to the class.

09 Misconceptions about Deafness

Identify common myths about Deafness and explain the truth. Students can create an infographic, PSA video, or classroom poster.

10 “Dear Hearing World” project

Inspired by Raymond Luczak’s poem, students write or sign their own message to the hearing world — real or imagined — to express what they have learned about the Deaf experience.

YOUR OWN PROJECT IDEAS
