**Welcome to the Deaf World**

Study Guide

**1. What information does Ben Bahan give in his introduction about himself?**

**2. Is Harlan Lane Deaf or Hearing? What does Harlan believe about Deaf people, and**

**how does this view differ from the view most hearing people have?**

**3. What is a coda?**

**4. How are introductions made in the Deaf-World.**

**5. How does Deaf culture differ from other diverse cultures in the world?**

**6. What determines a person’s membership in the Deaf-World?**

**7. How does this culture differ from other cultures in terms of when and how members**

**learn the language and the culture.**

**8. Why does language competency vary among members of the Deaf-World?**

**9. What is the primary language of the Deaf-World?**

**10. Why do some hearing people feel unwelcome in the Deaf-World?**

**11. What is a TTY. How does making a call through the TTY operator work?**

**12. How is Gloria’s first experience inside the Deaf Club similar to what Deaf people**

**experience in the hearing world.**

**13. What information is given about each of the following in the introductions to**

**Gloria:**

**Jake:**

**Roberto:**

**Laurel:**

**Henry:**

**14. Why is it a mistake to refer to Deaf people as “*Hearing-Impaired*?”**

**15. How do each of the characters answer Gloria’s question about when and how their**

**parents discovered they were deaf?**

**Jake:**

**Roberto:**

**Laurel:**

**Henry:**

**16. How do the characters say they felt when they found out they were Deaf?**

**17. How does Henry describe he and his wife’s reaction to having Deaf children. How**

**do they raise their kids? How did his parents and in-laws react to deaf**

**grandchildren. How does that affect Henry?**

**18. Describe Laurel’s experience. How have her parents’ reactions affected her?**

**19. Describe Roberto’s experience in his family.**

**20. How valuable is the ability to speak and lipread to the members of the Deaf-World?**