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# The Sociolinguistics Of Sign Languages



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I wrote an essay about Deaf culture and the Sociolinguistics of Sign Language. Some basic searching on the internet lead me to this book. It contained all the information that I was looking for and then some. It outlined perfectly the points that I was trying to make in my paper, and helped me understand Deaf culture on a much deeper level. My only complaint is that it's expensive. I wasn't able to afford buying the book online, however, I was able to borrow it from a local University Library. Great book, big price tag.

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