

## Deaf Culture Question of the Week - Week of October 6-10, 2008

Last week the question related to the history of Gallaudet University. This week I thought I would turn some attention to another major college program for deaf students, the National Technical Institute for the Deaf in Rochester, NY.

What kind of land was NTID built on?

- a) Forest
- b) Swamp
- c) Plains
- d) Desert
- e) Grasslands

Scroll down for the answer.

Answer: "b" Swamp. NTID was built between 1966 and 1968 on the campus of the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, NY on swamp land in West Henrietta, NY on the campus of the Rochester Institute of Technology. The area of campus where the NTID building was erected, the Lyndon Baines Johnson building was surrounded by swamp land. This created challenges in building the building to make sure it would be stable. The history of NTID began in 1964. A workshop titled "Improved Vocational Opportunities for the Deaf" is held at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The workshop endorses a proposal for the establishment of a National Technical Institute for the Deaf. In 1965 Public Law 89-36, the National Technical Institute for the Deaf Act, is signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson. The bill will provide for the establishment and operation of a coeducational, postsecondary institute for technical education of persons who are deaf or hard-of-hearing.

Teachers – Why not use this Deaf Culture question to link to Geography lesson. Do your students know where Rochester NY is located? Do they know the meaning of eco-systems like “swamps, forests, plains, deserts, grasslands?

Read more about the history of NTID at this website:  
<http://www.rit.edu/about/history-ntid.html>