

**Deaf Culture Question of the Week** - April 21 - 25, 2008

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Who is considered the "Father of the Oral Method of Education"?

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Answer: Samuel Heinicke who was born April 14, 1727, in the part of Europe that is now the eastern part of Germany is considered the "Father of Oral Education Method". Did you think it was Alexander Graham Bell? Nope... The Oral method began in Germany by Samuel Heinicke. Samuel Heinicke and the Abbe de l'Epee, the "Father of the Use of Sign Language Method" actually knew one another and corresponded with each other in the 18th century about the "best" method for educating deaf students. Read more about Samuel Heinicke at this website.

<http://deafness.about.com/cs/featurearticles/a/samuelheinicke.htm>