Documentaries: *Why Do We Talk?* and *Secrets of the Wild Child*

Hopefully watching these documentaries has made you more aware of language. It is an amazing feat to acquire language, and we still aren’t completely sure of how it works.

Now that we have completed these documentaries I want you to write a one page essay (that means in paragraph form) analyzing them. Here are some questions to keep in mind as you are writing:

1. What happened in Genie’s case? What was the goal of working with her? What were the scientists trying to discover?
2. What were the results of Genie’s case?
3. What research was conducted in *Why Do We Talk?* List a few examples.
4. If scientists in Genie’s case knew about some of the more recent research do you think they would have changed their methods? How?
5. Based on these two documentaries, what questions do you still have about language? What do you think scientists should research next?