

**Title:**

**SIGNWRITING HISTORY:  
Valerie Sutton Answers 7 History Questions**

**Abstract:**

**In November, 2023, Professor Rubens de Almeida and Professor Léa Cristina asked me, Valerie Sutton, to answer seven questions. They were:**

**Question 1: How did the idea of writing sign languages come about?**

**Question 2: Tell us about the history of SignWriting in the 1970s**

**Question 3: Tell us about the history of SignWriting in the 1980s**

**Question 4: How can I write any sign language with the Sutton SignWriting system?**

**Question 5: Tell us about your first publications in SignWriting**

**Question 6: What was the response when the Sutton SignWriting system was included as a WorldScript?**

**Question 7: What are your expectations for the future of the SignWriting system?**

**What fun! I wanted to answer these very interesting questions!**

**So I sat in my yellow and red kitchen, in La Jolla, San Diego, California, in front of my computer camera, and answered all seven questions, creating these seven videos. Then, Professor Rubens de Almeida and Professor Léa Cristina from Brazil, and Professor Adam Frost from San Diego, created the interpreting videos in ASL and LIBRAS and put it all together into very beautiful videos!**

**THANK YOU to this remarkable team! I am grateful for the questions and grateful for the interpreting and also grateful for your interest in writing sign languages!**



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