



Lily and Miss Liberty

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This historical novel for children is set during the time when the French people presented the Statue of Liberty to America. The statue was ready, but there was no base on which to set it. The people of America had to supply the base for the statue.

The Present From France

- Why couldn't Lily see Miss Liberty in the picture?
- How did Lily's mother feel about the statue?
- Which country was sending the Statue of Liberty to America as a gift?
- How did Mama think the money should be spent?
- How did Papa suggest that Lily earn money?
- What did Grandma suggest?
- How was Rachel earning money for Miss Liberty?
- What did Lily's mother tell her about her name?
- What was given to Lily in her dream?

Two Pennies and a Lollipop

- Why did Lily want to wake up early?
- What did Grandma tell the ladies at the shop?
- Why did they need a street sprinkler?
- What did Lily want to do to help Otto?
- Why didn't Otto give her a job?
- Why didn't Mr. Kaminsky let Lily walk the dog?
- What did Lily take to Mrs. Rosen
- What did Mrs. Murphy give Lily for helping her?
- How much money did Mrs. Rosen pay her for running an errand?

Fourteen Crowns

- What happened in church that gave Lily the idea for the crowns?
- What material did they use to make the pattern?
- How did they make them fit different size heads?

- What was the meaning of the 7 rays on the crown?
- What did she use to make the crowns?
- How many crowns did they make?
- How much did Lily decide to charge for each crown?
- What did she write on her sign?
- Which word did Mama have to spell for her?

Crowns for Sale!

- Why did Lily run back upstairs?
- How much did Mr. Kaminsky give Lily?
- How much did Rachel pay for her crown?
- What is the meaning of the French word "Bonjour"?
- How did Lily and Rachel get people to stop?
- How much money did they have by 5 o'clock?
- Explain why they had that amount of money.

The Fund Grows Bigger

- What was pinned to Lily's dress as she went to school?
- What did Lily admire about Rachel?
- Why was Lena crying?
- What had Grandma told Lily about Lena?
- How much money did Lily give Lena?
- Why did Lily give Lena the extra two cents?
- How much money did Lily have left to give for the Pedestal Fund?
- To whom did the children write a letter?
- What did Papa say that freedom meant in this country?

The French Ship Arrives

- Which pronoun did Lily use to describe the ship?
- Who did Lily invite to go to the parade with them?
- How many crates did it take to hold the Statue of Liberty?
- What did Lily and Grandma do after supper?
- Why did Mama tell Lily to take a sweater?
- What did Rachel say when people asked about the crowns?
- What was the signal that the French ship was coming?
- Name three things people were waving when the ship came into view.
- What made Lily feel sad?

Liberty Enlightening the World

- What did Lily tell Mama about the French ship, *Isere*?
- Why are people asking about the crowns?
- What did Grandma show them in the newspaper?

- Why did the children want to help build the pedestal?
- What did the "P.S." of the letter say about the crown?
- What will Lily do with the newspaper when she grows up?
- Why did Lily climb up on a chair?
- What was the complete name of the statue?
- What was Lily holding in each hand?

Afterword

- How long did it take to raise the money after the ship arrived?
- How long did it take to build the pedestal?
- How long did it take to put the statue together?
- What was over her face before the statue was unveiled?
- Who pulled the cord to unveil the statue?
- Who made a speech thanking the people of France for their gift?

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