

Literacy Homework



Betsy Ross



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Elizabeth "Betsy" Griscom was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on January 1st, 1752. Betsy learned to sew as a young girl. She became known for beautiful work at a young age, and some said her needlework was the most beautiful in the city. (11)
(26)
(40)
(44)

Betsy married John Ross in 1773, and was now known as Betsy Ross. They began a successful upholstery business. Sadly, her husband John was killed in the American Revolution. Betsy continued to run the business on her own. (57)
(68)
(82)

Betsy is widely believed to have designed the first flag of our new nation. Legend has it, George Washington himself called on Betsy and asked her to sew a flag for the colonies to symbolize their independence from England. Betsy suggested a five-pointed star for each colony on a field of blue. The red and white stripes also stand for the 13 original colonies. (95)
(106)
(120)
(135)
(147)

Betsy was married and widowed two more times. In all, she had six children. She taught her daughters and granddaughters how to sew, as well. Betsy was 84 years-old when she died in 1836. (160)
(172)
(182)

Fluency & Comprehension - Please answer each question in *complete sentences*.

- 1) Complete five 1 minute reads, and record your words per minute score.

Read #1: _____ Read #2: _____ Read #3: _____ Read #4: _____ Read #5: _____

- 2) Where was Betsy Ross born?

- 3) What business did Betsy and her first husband open?

- 4) Who is believed to have asked Betsy to design a new flag?

- 5) What did the 13 stars and stripes represent on the first flag?

Comprehension Common Questions

Name _____

1) What **genre** is this passage?

Fiction or
Non-Fiction?

Traditional Literature Realistic Fiction Science Fiction Historical Fiction Informational Biography Poetry Mystery Fantasy Folktale

2) What **point of view** is this passage?

First Person

Second Person

Third Person

(The author says "I" a lot)

(The author says "you" a lot)

(The author says "he, she or they" a lot)

3) What was the **author's purpose** for writing this passage?

Inform (Facts)

Persuade (To change your mind)

Entertain (Fun)

Explain (How to...)

4) What is the **setting** of this passage? Where does it take place?

5) Write a *complete sentence* stating the **main idea** or topic of this passage.

6) If possible, list a **main character**. List *one word* that could describe that character.

Character:

Adjectives:

7) If possible, list one **contraction** (ex: I am = I'm) and one **compound** word (ex: back + pack = backpack).

Contraction:

Compound:

8) If possible, list one **two-syllable** word, and one **three-syllable** word.

Two-syllable:

Three-syllable:

9) What **event** happened first in this passage?

10) What **event** happened last in this passage?
