

Brave Girl

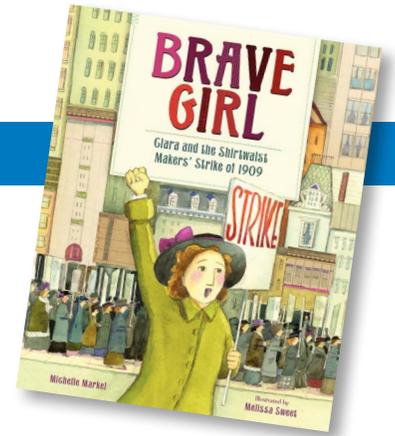
A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Themes: Hard Work, Equality, Workers' Rights, Immigration

Book Brief: This book tells the exciting true story of Clara Lemlich, a brave young woman who stood up for the rights of female factory workers when no one else would.

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TIME TO READ!



Before reading, build background: What does your child know about how women and immigrants were treated in the US in the early 1900s? Explain that they didn't have equal rights or get equal protection.

While reading, look at the pictures: What do the pictures tell you about Clara's life in New York and at the factory? Why do you think the last picture in the book shows the Statue of Liberty?

After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ Why did the factory treat its employees so badly?
- ◆ Why was it important for the workers to fight back *together*?
- ◆ What would you have done if you were Clara?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

BIG APPLE SNACKS

An apple a day keeps the doctor away! Stay healthy by trying one of these "big apple" snacks:

- ◆ apple slices with cinnamon and honey
- ◆ apple slices with peanut butter
- ◆ apple slices with cheddar cheese
- ◆ apple slices with sliced turkey breast.

CITY COLLAGE

Materials: white paper, scrap paper, glue, markers or crayons

Look at the picture in the book that shows the first time the women strike. The background of the picture is a collage, and the people are drawn at the bottom. Make a scene from your own town using this idea! Glue bits of scrap paper onto a sheet of white paper to make a collage showing buildings from your town. Then, use markers or crayons to draw in the people.

UNITED WE STAND

Materials: paper, pencil, markers, comic strip panels from <http://donnayoung.org/art/comics.htm> (optional)

Think of a time when you and a friend or friends worked together to do something difficult. What problems did you face? How did you solve them? Turn your story into a comic book! Write the story exactly as it happened in real life—OR keep the idea the same and turn you and your friends into a team of superheroes!

TECHNOLOGY LINK

Visit www.nps.gov/stli/photosmultimedia/virtualtour.htm to take a virtual tour of the Statue of Liberty. Then go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=NOB9CitsfUO to hear a reading of *The New Colossus* by Emma Lazarus, the poem written on the base of the statue.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

The Fantastic Jungles of Henri Rousseau (2012)
Tyrannosaurus Math (2009)
Dream Town (2006)



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