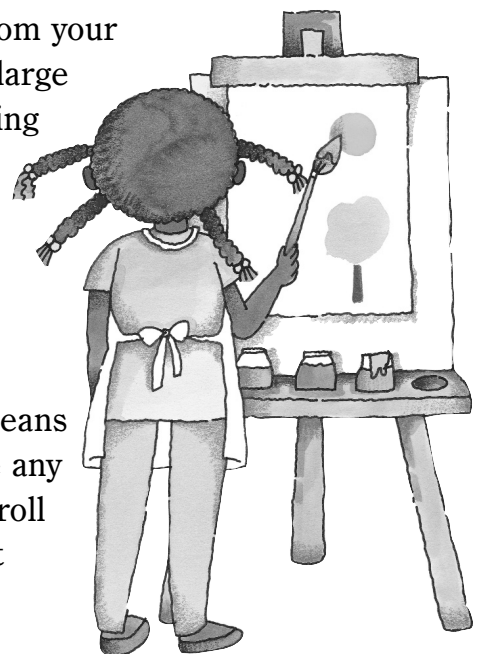


# Online Book Club

## The Madcap Mystery of the Missing Liberty Bell

### Bring It To Life!

1. George Washington designed the flag with 13 stars on a blue background and red and white stripes. Using construction paper, design your own flag.
2. Find, or purchase at a craft store, a large feather and a bottle of ink. With help from your parents, cut the end of the feather into a slanted point. It might be a good idea to do some research on how quill pens were made. When you're finished, try writing with a quill!
3. Learn about Philadelphia! Direct book club members to choose a Philadelphia landmark to research. Then ask each member to present three or four interesting facts to the class along with a picture. Have the group vote on which landmark they would most like to visit!
4. Gather an assortment of metal cans. With help from your parents, punch a hole in the top of each. Make a large knot in a string and place the other end of the string through the hole. Next, tie a small metal object, such as a tack or a screw to the end of the string inside the can to make a bell. Notice how the different sized cans make different sounds!
5. In your best handwriting, write out what liberty means to you. You can purchase parchment paper or use any kind of paper you like. Roll the paper up like a scroll and tie it with a ribbon. Give it as a gift or keep it for yourself!



# Online Quiz

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### Pop Quiz

1. How did Christina become friends with Hunter?
2. How did Christina know the Liberty Bell had been stolen?
3. Who was the founder of Philadelphia?
4. In what section of Philadelphia will you find the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall?
5. What is Philadelphia's nickname?
6. Which one of the Founding Fathers was also a postmaster?
7. What was carved into the back of the chair George Washington used in Independence Hall?
8. What was the name of the coin Ben Franklin designed?
9. What did Grant mistake for a UFO?
10. What happens to the Liberty Bell every July 4th?



# Know your SAT Words!

**Mystery Name: The Madcap Mystery of the Missing Liberty Bell**

## SAT Words



1. acquire
2. chameleon
3. neglectful
4. prosaic
5. revise

Write a sensational sentence using all five SAT Words from this mystery.

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2. Would you like to visit Philadelphia? Which historic sight would you like to see first?
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4. If you had lived in the late 1700s, do you think you might have worn a powdered wig?
5. What do you think our country would be like today if the colonists had never declared independence? Do you think you would have a British accent?
6. Have you ever written with a quill pen? Do you think it would be harder to use than a pencil or pen?
7. When you think of Benjamin Franklin, what comes to mind first—Founding Father, inventor, author, diplomat, or postman?
8. Would you have been brave enough to follow George Washington across the Delaware to fight the British?
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# Online Information

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### Trivia

1. The Liberty Bell first got its nickname when abolitionists, people who wanted to end slavery, used it as a symbol.
2. Before the Liberty Bell got its nickname, it was simply called the State House Bell.
3. In 1772, people who lived near the Philadelphia State House (Independence Hall) sent a petition to the Assembly that they were distressed by the constant “ringing of the great Bell in the steeple.”
4. From 1790 through 1800, the Liberty Bell called voters to hand in their ballots at the State House Window.
5. The Liberty Bell weighed 2,080 pounds when it was cast.
6. The Liberty Bell’s famous zig-zag crack occurred when it was rung for George Washington’s birthday in February 1846.
7. More than 1.5 million people visit the Liberty Bell each year.
8. George Washington’s silver household goods provided the metal for the first coins struck at the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia.
9. The U.S. Mint in Philadelphia can produce 1.8 million coins per hour.
10. In the 1700s, most men wore wigs. Lawyers and merchants wore gray wigs, tradesmen wore brown wigs, and judges and military officers wore white wigs. Those who didn’t have a white wig for formal occasions made them white with flour or talcum powder.

