

Name _____

3. January 1, 1752 - Betsy Ross's Birthday

Sewing Like Betsy



“Look at the pretty stitches I made, Mommy!” said Meredith. Meredith was quite excited because her mother was teaching her how to sew.

“You are doing a wonderful job,” said her mother. “Soon, you’ll be as good a seamstress as Betsy Ross.”

“Who is Betsy Ross?” asked Meredith.

“Way back in 1776, when our country was new and fighting for its freedom, Betsy Ross owned a sewing business and made material to cover furniture. Because she was a friend of General George Washington, and he knew how good her work was, he asked her to sew the first American flag,” explained Meredith’s mother.

“Mommy, will you help me make a flag like Betsy Ross?”

“I think that would be very nice,” answered her mother. “Let’s get started right now.”

Fill in the circle for the best answer.

1. What is Meredith’s mother teaching her to do?
 paint bake cookies
 sew dance
2. How does Meredith feel about learning to sew?
 afraid excited
 upset confused
3. Meredith’s mother tells her she will soon sew as well as _____.
 her grandmother Martha Washington
 Betsy Ross Aunt Sarah
4. In 1776, Betsy Ross owned a _____ business.
 sewing bakery
 cleaning restaurant
5. What special item did George Washington ask Betsy Ross to sew?
 the first American flag a new coat
 uniforms for the troops a quilt

