

4th Grade Battle of the Books

A Letter To Mrs. Roosevelt

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Questions

1. Where did Margo live? Johnstown, PA
2. Who was Charlie and what injury/illness did he have? Margo's brother and he had an infection in his knee call osteomyelitis
3. What was the Great Depression? When the stock market crashed, banks closed and people lost their money and jobs. It lasted from 1929 to 1933?
4. Who saw a shooting star and what did it mean? Mrs. DiLuso saw a shooting star and she was superstitious and thought it meant bad things would happen to Maple Ave.
5. What street did Margo live on? Maple Ave.
6. What special gift did Papa give to Charlie? A pocket watch from his friend from the Civil War.
7. Who is Rosa? Margo's friend that lived next door.
8. Who was Miss Dodson? Margo's 5th grade teacher
9. What did Miss Dodson's father own and do for a living? He owned a newspaper
10. Did Margo know something was wrong with Charlie when he didn't come home for dinner? Yes she thought he lost Papa's watch.
11. Have you ever lost something? How did you feel?
12. When Margo went to Rosa's looking for Charlie, what did Rosa tell her about what was going on at the steel mill where her dad worked? They were cutting his hours and they may move to Buffalo, NY
13. When Margo couldn't find Charlie who did she think stole him? Gypsies
14. Who said "The only thing you have to fear is fear itself"? FDR on his presidential inauguration.
15. Why did Margo remember saying? When she was looking for Charlie under the bridge, it was dark and filled with water?
16. Where did they find Charlie? Under the bed
17. What happened to the watch? Charlie dropped it on the sidewalk walking home with Mike.
18. Why did Charlie hide? Thought he would get in trouble. Did you ever break something and want to hide so you wouldn't get in trouble?
19. Was Papa angry? (p36) Not really just more relieved
20. What did Papa tell Margo about rumors? What is a rumor? Margo told Papa hobo or gypsies took Charlie but wasn't true. Not to start rumors
21. Who was Eleanor Everywhere and how did she get her name? Eleanor Roosevelt because she traveled for the President because he had polio
22. Miss Dobson was telling the class about the dominoes were falling. What did she mean? Large number of people were getting laid off at the steel mill, less money, can't pay bills, no house, businesses get fewer customers.
23. What sign did the hobos put on the Bandini's door to indicate it was ok to go to their house for food? An X on the front porch in chalk
24. What did Papa do when he found out? Put an X in paint
25. What did Mama do when the hobos came to her door? She put them to work so they had a sense of pride and not given handouts.
26. What assignment did Miss Dodson give the class? Write a letter to someone who inspired you, someone who has done something to support the country and the president and believes that better times are ahead.

27. If you had to write a letter, whom would you write to?
28. What papers did Mr. Lockhard from the bank bring to Papa? A note saying Papa promised to pay back the money from Charlie's operation (5 thousand) and he put up the house and store as collateral and was 6 months behind so the bank is going to take his house and store.
29. What is a sheriff's sale? A sign on the front of the house indicating the bank is taking it or foreclosing.
30. What did Papa give Margo as a ray of hope to help her through the sheriff's sale? Medal he got in the war
31. What did Margo read that persuaded her to write to Eleanor Roosevelt? She helped people esp. youth, willing to listen and answered letter to people requesting help in a column written by ED Kirby
32. What did Margo want to do with her letter? Get it to Mrs. Roosevelt in less than 2 weeks
33. Who id Rosa write her letter to? Amelia Earhart
34. The girls had a bet, what was it? Whoever got their letter answered first would have to carry the ones book for a week.
35. How did Margo get the letter to Mrs. R? Miss Dodson said she would take care of it.
36. What did Margo put in her letter? Papa's victory medal
37. Where did Miss Dobson go to deliver the letter to Mrs. R? New York
38. Why did Mr. Lockhard and the sheriff come to visit? Inform them that Mrs. R contacted them and they will not have to leave because she took care of the late payments.
39. Who was ED Kirby? Elaine Dodson Kirby – Margo 5th grade teacher
40. So who was the lady with the gray hat on the train and where was she going? ED Kirby and she took the train to New York to write columns in her dad's newspaper.
41. Was this a true story or fiction? Fiction however it was in part based on true events that took place at the time.

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