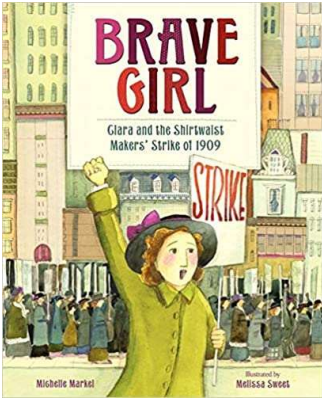


Brave Girl: Clara and the Shirtwaist Makers' Strike of 1909



Author: Michelle Markel, illus. by Melissa Sweet

Book Summary: "The true story of the young immigrant who led the largest strike of women workers in U.S. history. This picture book biography about the plight of immigrants in America in the early 1900s and the timeless fight for equality and justice should not be missed."

Ages: 4-9

Length: 32 pages

Grades: PK-3

ISBN: 978-0-061-80442-7

Lexile Rating: 760L

Online Read-aloud: [Literally Cultured \(10:21\)](#)

Washington State Financial Education Standards	Grades K-2	Grades 3-5
SS: Spending & Saving CD: Credit & Debt EI: Employment & Income I: Investing RM: Risk Management & Insurance FD: Financial Decision-Making	EI: Explore job and career options EI: Compare sources of personal income and compensation RM: Identify common types of risks and basic risk management methods RM: Justify reasons to use health, disability, long-term care, and life insurance	EI: Compare sources of personal income and compensation RM: Justify reasons to use property and liability insurance RM: Justify reasons to use health, disability, long-term care, and life insurance FD: Apply communication strategies when discussion financial issues
Washington State K-12 SEL Standards and Benchmarks	Self	Social
	Self-Awareness: Benchmark 1B-C Self-Efficacy: Benchmark 3C	Social Awareness: Benchmarks 4A-C Social Management: Benchmark 5B Social Engagement: Benchmarks 6A-C

Resource: [Educator and Parent/Family Discussion Guides](#)

Summary: [Educator Guide](#) includes keywords, discussion questions (page 2), and extension activities. [Parent/Family Guide](#) includes conversation starters and talking points. Themes of immigration, women's history, labor, and social justice throughout both.

Grade: Ages 5-8

Source: [Anti-Defamation League](#)

Permissions: Free online access and download. No registration required.

Resource: [Congress and Child Labor](#)

Summary: Interactive video uses primary sources to explore the history of child labor and protective legislation. Teacher's Guide included with links and citations of primary sources ([example](#)).

Grade: N/A

Source: [KidCitizen.net](#)

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Lesson: [Our Story: Coming to America](#)

Summary: (Four 15-30 minute lessons) Students will explore the theme of immigration by learning about the immigrant experience and how immigration has affected life in America. Activities include [Foods From Far Away](#), [Imagine an Immigration Interview](#), [Investigating Immigration Patterns](#), and [Timelines Tell Stories](#). Each activity includes directions, worksheets, and the same paired informational text ("Step Back in Time").

Grade: 3-5

Source: [Smithsonian's History Explorer](#)

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Additional Washington Learning Standards:

- NCHS History Standards included
- 21st Century Skills included

Resource: [Pairing Picture Books with Primary Sources: *Brave Girl: Clara and the Shirtwaist Makers' Strike of 1909*](#)

Summary: Blog post with ideas for integrating primary sources into learning activities. A [collection of primary sources](#) connected to the book is linked and cited.

Grade: 2-5

Source: [Knowledge Quest Blog](#) (Journal of the American Association of School Librarians)

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Resource: [The Spokane Press, December 28, 1909](#)

Summary: Archived [front page](#) of the Spokane Press featuring an article on the shirtwaist makers strike ("*While Steel Makers Curse Morgan Girls Bless His Pretty Daughter*"). Note: It's possible that Clara Lemlich was erroneously referred to as "Anna Lemplich" in the caption.

Grade: 2-5

Source: Library of Congress

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