

Predicting

Goal: Make predictions and change them, based on new information

Read this story and make predictions. As you learn more, change your predictions to fit the new information.

An Unlikely Hero

1. From the title, what do you think the story will be about?

Molly Pitcher was born as Mary Ludwig on October 13, 1754. Her parents came from Germany and settled in New Jersey. When she grew up, Molly married John Casper Hays. Then the Revolutionary War began.

2. What do you think happened next?

Molly's husband was a Continental soldier, so he joined the war. Molly wanted to help the cause, too.

3. What do you think happened next?

Molly joined her husband on the battlefield. It was very hot. She carried pitchers of water to thirsty soldiers to drink and to cool off the cannons. That's how she got her nickname, "Molly Pitcher."

4. Was your last prediction correct? If not, explain how it was different.

Molly also tended wounded men. During the battle at Monmouth, her husband fell from heatstroke.

5. What do you think happened next?

Molly took her husband's place and fired his cannon at the British. She was the second woman to fire a cannon on an American battlefield.

6. Was your last prediction correct? If not, explain how it was different.
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