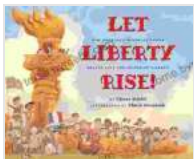# How America's Schoolchildren Helped Save the Statue of Liberty

In the early 1980s, the Statue of Liberty was in dire need of repair. Her torch was corroded, her copper skin was turning green, and her interior was crumbling. The National Park Service estimated that it would cost $10 million to restore her to her former glory. But where would the money come from?

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That's when schoolchildren across America stepped up to save the day. In 1982, the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation launched a nationwide fundraising campaign called "Save Our Symbol." The goal was to raise $10 million in 100 days. Schoolchildren were asked to donate their spare change to the cause. They organized bake sales, car washes, and other fundraisers. They even wrote letters to their elected officials, urging them to support the restoration effort.

The schoolchildren's efforts were a huge success. In just 100 days, they raised over $10 million. Their donations helped to fund the restoration of the Statue of Liberty, which was completed in 1986. Today, the Statue of Liberty stands tall and proud in New York Harbor, a symbol of freedom and democracy.

The Schoolchildren's Role in the Restoration

The schoolchildren's role in the restoration of the Statue of Liberty was significant. Their donations helped to fund the project, and their enthusiasm for the cause helped to raise awareness of the need for the restoration. The schoolchildren's efforts were a shining example of how ordinary people can make a difference in the world.

Here are a few examples of how schoolchildren helped to save the Statue of Liberty:

- Students at the Liberty Elementary School in New York City raised over $50,000 by selling Statue of Liberty souvenirs.

- Students at the Ellis Island Elementary School in New Jersey raised over $20,000 by organizing a bake sale.

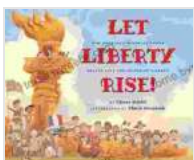- Students at the Statue of Liberty School in Florida raised over $10,000 by holding a car wash.

The Impact of the Restoration

The restoration of the Statue of Liberty was a major undertaking. It took four years to complete and cost over $10 million. But the results were worth it. The Statue of Liberty is now a shining symbol of freedom and

democracy, and she is once again a source of inspiration for people all over the world.

The restoration of the Statue of Liberty also had a significant impact on the schoolchildren who helped to raise the money. Many of these children went on to become active citizens, volunteering their time and resources to help others. The restoration of the Statue of Liberty taught them the importance of giving back to their community and the power of working together to achieve a common goal.

The Statue of Liberty is a national treasure, and her restoration was a major undertaking. But it was made possible by the generosity of schoolchildren across America. These children showed the world that even the smallest donation can make a big difference. Their efforts are a reminder that we all have a role to play in preserving our history and ensuring that our children have a bright future.

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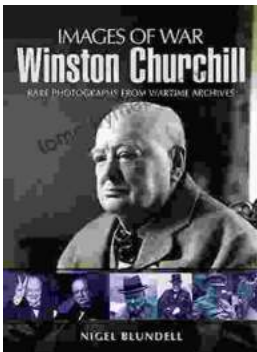|	
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