

MOLLY - AN AMERICAN GIRL ADVENTURE

Discussion Guide

1. Three friends go to the movies. Describe the significance of newsreels. Why were they important?
2. This movie was set in 1943, the girls had to get sodas because there was no ice cream. Molly wanted a Royal English Tea Party for her birthday, but there weren't enough rations. Share what you know about rationing in WWII.
3. Molly's father is a doctor and goes to England to help the allied cause. Molly and her brother, Ricky, react very differently to this news. Ricky wishes he could go, too, and Molly doesn't want him to. How do you think you would have reacted? How does this verse in **Galatians 5:14** relate? **"For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself,'"**
4. When Mother goes to work at the aircraft plant, Molly is unhappy with the neighbor lady, Mrs. Gilford, coming to care for the children. Molly's mother says, "Maybe your part for the war is eating bologna sandwiches and listening to stories about Johnny (Mrs. Gilford's son). How would you describe Molly's attitude about supporting the war effort at this point in the movie?"
5. When Mrs. Gilford's son dies, how does that change Molly's attitude toward her? How does **James 1:27** relate to this? **"Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans, and widows in their trouble, "**
6. When Emily comes to stay with the McIntire family and she says she lives in a manor in England, Molly resents sharing a room with her. What do you think caused Molly to have this reaction?
7. Emily becomes the center of attention at school and that makes Molly angry. What emotions do you think Molly is experiencing? How does **Proverbs 14:30** relate? **"A sound heart is life to the body, but envy is rottenness to the bones."**
8. When the girls' teacher, Miss Campbell, gets a telegram that her fiancé had died in battle, she is devastated but determined to press on and do the best she can at her job. Why do you think she reacts in this way? **Ecclesiastes 9:10** **"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might;"**
9. Molly and her mother find out that Emily is NOT royalty but poor. She has lost her apartment in the bombing of London and her mother has died! How does this begin to change Molly's attitude toward Emily?
10. What happened in the cellar during an air raid drill that also helped change Molly's opinion of Emily?
11. What event really cemented the friendship between Molly and Emily? ANSWER: Emily tells Molly the truth about her life. How does **Matthew 5:7** relate? **"Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy."**

12. Molly had been anxiously awaiting her Aunt Eleanor's arrival. When she comes, she tells Molly she isn't staying but going to Texas as a pilot in a Women's Auxiliary Air Corps. How is Molly's attitude different to this news?
13. The family reads letters from Dad together. Do you recall reading letters from a loved one who was fighting in a war? Share your thoughts about waiting at home for word. **Proverbs 12:25 "Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, but a good word makes it glad."**
14. When Molly gets the news that Dad is "missing in action", she decides to quit the Miss Victory contest. How did Miss Campbell talk her into continuing?
15. What is the significance when Molly says, "What can I do to help?" How is that different from her attitude earlier in the movie? How does **I Timothy 6:18** relate? **"Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share."**
16. Molly is obviously NOT the best dancer. Why do you think Molly won Miss Victory? What activities did she participate in that showed her dedication to the war effort state-side?
17. The big Christmas program began with the National Anthem. Do you think we are as patriotic today as then? Why or why not?
18. Dad surprised them all by arriving home at the Christmas Program!
 - a. Have you experienced the arrival of a loved one returning from war? Describe the experience and your feelings?
 - b. Explain how this verse applies: **Proverbs 13:12 "Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when the desire comes, it is a tree of life."**