

Henry Climbs a Mountain

A colorful illustration of a man named Henry climbing a steep, rocky mountain. Henry is wearing a wide-brimmed hat, a red jacket, and a backpack. He is reaching up towards a ledge. The mountain is covered in green foliage and rocks. In the background, there is a small village with houses and a church, and a small airplane flying in the sky. The scene is set during sunset or sunrise, with warm orange and yellow light.

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Henry wanted to climb a mountain. But he had only one shoe.



His other shoe was at the shoemaker's being fixed.
I'll get it on my way, he thought.



But on his way to the shoemaker's shop, Henry was stopped by Sam, the tax collector. "Henry," he said, "you haven't paid your taxes." "Pay a state that lets farmers own slaves? Never!" said Henry.



"You'll have to pay or go to jail," Sam said. "Then take me to jail!" said Henry. And Sam did.



The door slammed shut. Henry lay down on the bed and looked up at the white walls and the white ceiling.

He put his bare foot against the wall.
I wish I had my other shoe, Henry thought.



He took crayons from his pocket and drew a shoe on the white wall.



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Beside the shoe, he drew a flower with a hummingbird on it.