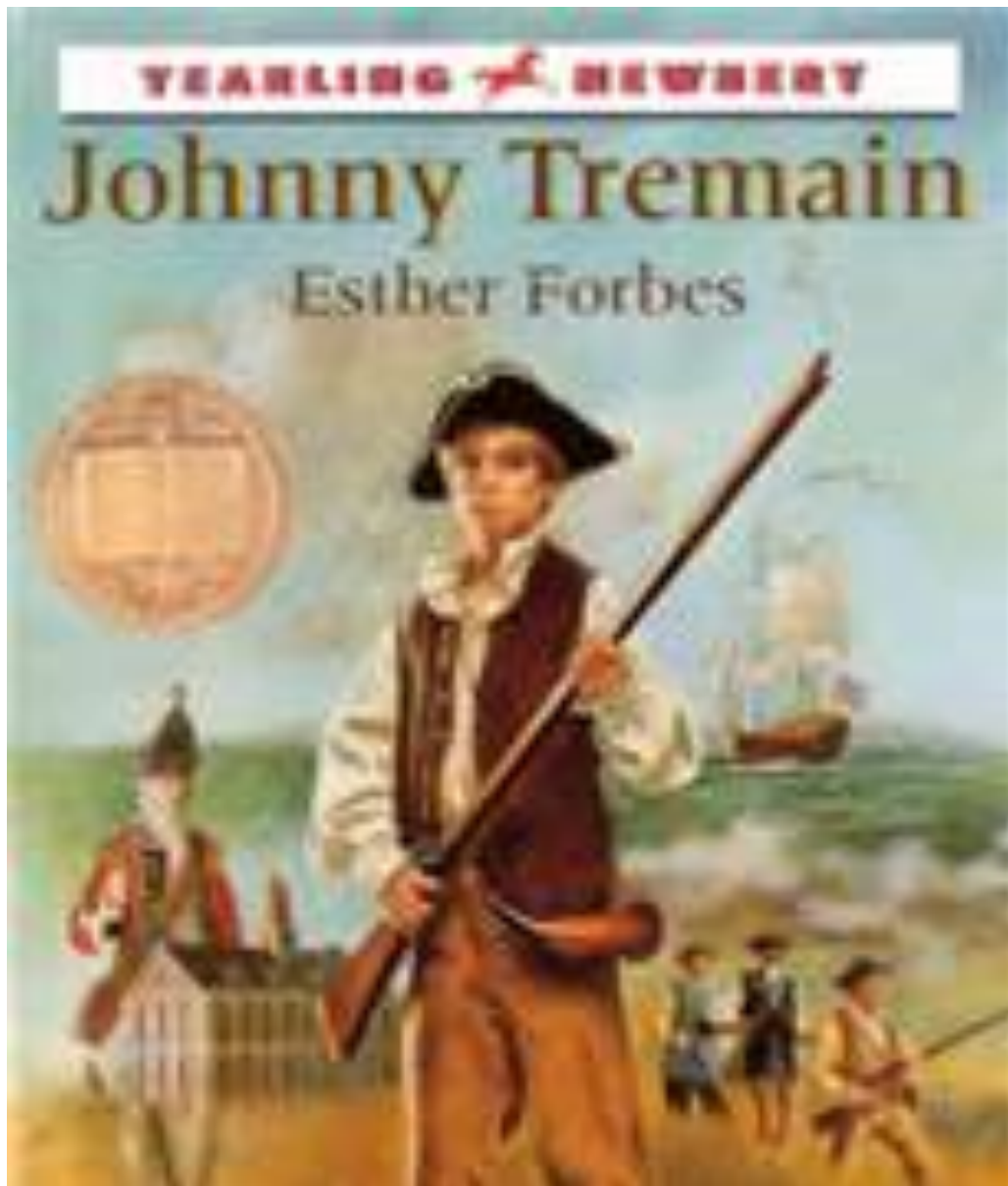


Johnny Tremain

Comprehension Questions

Name: _____

Homeroom: _____



Chapter 1 - Up and About

1. What city does Johnny Tremain live in?
2. Why doesn't Dove like Johnny?
3. Why did Mr. Lapham choose Johnny to read out of the Bible at breakfast?
4. What lesson did Johnny learn when he read out of the Bible?
5. What did Mr. Hancock want Mr. Lapham to make?
6. Who owned the Lapham's home?
7. Why was Mr. Lapham nervous to make the sugar basin?
8. Why was it important for Johnny to show Cilla his cup?

Chapter 2 - The Pride of Your Power

1. Who did Johnny go to when he needed advice on the handles he was making for the sugar basin?
2. Why can't Johnny leave the Lapham's and work for Paul Revere?
3. What did Mr. Lapham say would happen to Johnny because of his pride?
4. What did Johnny burn when he was working on the Sabbath?
5. Instead of a doctor, who did Mrs. Lapham tell Cilla to go get?
6. How was Johnny's hand crippled?
7. Why does Mr. Lapham want Johnny to forgive Dove?
8. How do Dove and Dusty treat Johnny now that he's hurt?

Chapter 3 - An Earth of Brass

1. Why didn't Johnny come home to eat the afternoon dinner at the Lapham?
2. What kind of work did Rab offer Johnny?
3. Why doesn't Johnny like Mr. Tweedie?
4. What does the phrase "actions speak louder than words" mean?
5. Why couldn't Mr. Hancock take Johnny in as an apprentice?
6. Why had Jehu referred to Johnny as "the boy with the broken shoes"?
7. What made Isannah scared of Johnny?
8. When Johnny slept by his mother's grave, what did he remember her saying to him before she died?

Chapter 4 - The Rising Eye

1. What was Merchant Lyte's reaction when Johnny told him his name and about his mother?
2. What did Mr. Lyte want Johnny to bring to his house that night?
3. What did Mr. Lyte accuse Johnny of stealing?
4. What are the gallows?
5. What did the medal hung about Rab's throat mean?
6. What will Mr. Tweedie do if Cilla goes to trial and testifies for Johnny?
7. What was the outcome of the trial when Cilla and Isannah testified for Johnny?
8. Why did Johnny want to cry when Isannah kissed his hurt hand?

Chapter 5 - The Boston Observer

1. How much did Johnny want to sell the cup to Mr. Lyte for?
2. What did Johnny leave behind when he ran away from Mr. Lyte?
3. What idea gave Johnny confidence as he learned to ride Goblin?
4. What is a Whig?
5. When Johnny fell off Goblin, what did he use to lure the horse back to him?
6. Why did Johnny want to meet her at the town pump every Thursday and Sunday?
7. What did Rab help Johnny do when he talked to him about his insults and name calling?
8. What does it mean to "take or leave" a Silsbee?

Chapter 6 - Salt-Water Tea

1. Why did Rab have Johnny memorize the names to the Observers' Club?
2. What did Johnny deliver to the Observers' Club members?
3. Why wasn't Johnny interested in Cilla's news or talk about the Lapham's?
4. How did Johnny feel it was God's will his hand was crippled?
5. What did Sam Adams and the Observers' Club members want to do with the tea on board the three ships?
6. Why couldn't the tea be unloaded from the ships that had landed?
7. What did the boys dress up as when they went on board the ships and dumped the tea into the water?
8. Who stood on the wharf the night of the Tea Party and watched the boys and men throw the tea overboard?

Chapter 7 - The Fiddler's Bill

1. How did England punish Boston for not paying for the tea?
2. How was General Gage from England able to punish those leaders in the revolt against England?
3. What did the British soldier do to Rab when he touched the musket?
4. How did the medical man treat Johnny and Rab?
5. Who had Cilla and Isannah gone to live with?
6. What did Johnny do to keep Goblin from being taken by Colonel Smith?
7. Why did Johnny protect Dove and befriend him?
8. Why didn't Madge want to marry Mr. Tweedie?

Chapter 8 - A World To Come

1. Why did Cilla want to go back to Milton after the mob had chased her and the Lyte's?
2. When Cilla and Johnny got to the Lyte house and were closing the shutters, why did it feel like they were at a funeral?
3. What was Rab trying to get when he got caught by the British soldiers?
4. What had Rab been doing with Cilla behind Johnny's back?

Chapter 9 - The Scarlet Deluge

1. How did Johnny find out Lieutenant Stranger was going to go to Portsmouth and retrieve the King's stores of powder and ball?
2. Why were Rab and Johnny so good to Dove?
3. What did Lieutenant Stranger teach Johnny and Goblin?
4. Why did Pumpkin the soldier want to desert the British army?
5. What did Johnny want from Pumpkin as a trade for helping him look like a farmer?
6. When Johnny rode Sandy the colonel's horse, what surprised him so much?
7. Who was the deserter Johnny saw getting punished by the firing squad?

Chapter 10 - 'Disperse, Ye Rebels!'

1. What was the signal the rebels across the water needed so they would know if the soldiers were leaving Boston on foot or in boats?
2. Who else was going to ride along with Paul Revere that night, but leaving out of Boston pretending to be a drunken farmer?
3. Where did Rab go when they knew the fighting was going to be happening soon?
4. What work did Johnny do for Dove when he wanted to find out why Colonel Smith needed his campaign saddle?
5. How many lamps did Newman hang on Christ's church?
6. How did Paul Revere get out of Boston?

Chapter 11 - Yankee Doodle

1. Who was Johnny worried about after he heard about the fighting up in Lexington?
2. Why did Doctor Warren want Johnny to stay in Boston?
3. What tune did the British soldiers play on their fifes to insult the Yankees?
4. Where did Uncle Lorne hide when the soldiers came to the printing press to capture him?
5. Where was Merchant Lyte and his daughter going to hide from the war?
6. Who is Miss Lavinia taking with her to England?
7. What did Lavinia confess to Johnny?
8. What did Johnny dress up as to get passed the soldiers and out of Boston?

Chapter 12 - A Man Can Stand Up

1. What did Johnny do to his uniform to blend in with the worn out wounded soldiers?
2. What did Johnny say to the sailors that convinced them to take him across the river out of Boston?
3. What kind of condition was Rab in when Johnny found him in the tavern?
4. What did Rab give Johnny before he died?
5. What could Doctor Warren do to fix Johnny's hand?
6. Johnny knew that lots of men would die in the war, but what was the thing that wouldn't die?