

Summer Assignment - History

Read *Johnny Tremain* by Esther Forbes. After reading the book, answer the 8 questions below. Each answer should be approximately one paragraph in length. Answers may be written in pencil or ink, or (preferably) printed from a computer. The answers must be turned in no later than Monday August 23rd.

1. Read Chapter 1 "Up and About". Describe Johnny's position and his behavior in the Lapham household. What does his behavior reveal about his character?
2. Read Chapter 2 and Chapter 3. What happens to change Johnny's position in the family? What role does Dove play in this event?
3. Read Chapter 4 through chapter 5-1. What obstacles does Johnny face as he tries to redirect his life? How does Johnny's friend Rab help him?
4. Read chapter 5-2 through chapter 6-3. Explain the British tax on colonial tea. What response do Sam Adams and the other Observers plan? How does Johnny help implement these plans?
5. Read chapter 6-4 through chapter 7. Describe Johnny's relationships with Cilla, Lavinia Lyte and Dove now that Johnny is living with Rab and his family. What do these relationships reveal about Johnny and his personal growth?
6. Read chapter 8. What reasons do Sam Adams and James Otis give in favor of revolution? How does Johnny react to Otis' words?
7. Read Chapters 9 and 10. Explain how the Minute Men learn of the British Army's actual battle plans. What do these efforts reveal about the Patriots' commitment to independence?
8. Read Chapters 11 and 12. Summarize what happens after Johnny finds Rab at Lexington. At the end of the novel, what decision does Johnny make about his future? What does this decision reveal about his values and character?

I hope you enjoy reading this exciting story, it is a fun book that has some good information about life in Colonial America and the events leading up to the American Revolution.

If you have questions over the summer, please contact me at dcross@csmh.org
You may also email me your answers at this address.

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