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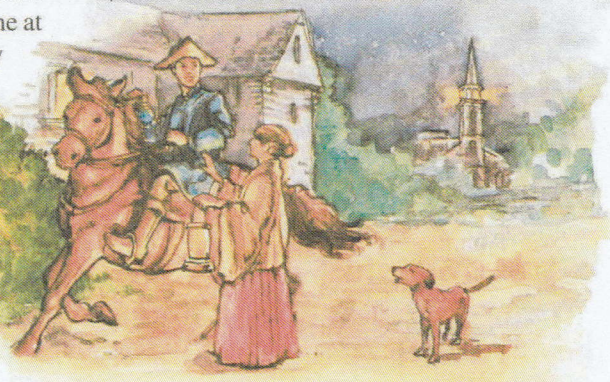
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oo The American Revolution began on April 19, 1775. The British general, Thomas Gage, learned that the American patriots had hidden some guns at Concord, fifteen miles from Boston. He sent some soldiers to capture the weapons. They marched from Boston in the night. But the Redcoats were seen as they left Boston. Paul Revere, a silversmith who lived in Boston, rode out into the country and warned everyone that the British were coming. It was a difficult ride, but he had a good horse, and he was an expert rider. In the past he had ridden long distances with messages for patriots in other colonies. But his night ride from Boston was the most important one in his life. Today Paul Revere is remembered as a great patriot. Imagine the scene at Paul Revere's house as he arrived home the day after the ride. His wife Rachel and two friends are waiting for him.

Ann Oh, here's Paul now.
Rachel Paul, are you all right?
 15 *Paul* Yes, I'm all right.
James What happened?
Paul I was captured by the British. But when the fighting started, they took my horse and let me go.
 20 *James* Did our man send a signal last night?
Paul Yes. I saw two lanterns in the tower of North Church. So I knew that the Redcoats were going to Concord by land and not upriver by ship. When I saw the signal, I rode ahead of the soldiers and warned the people about the Redcoats. I rode by the light of the moon.



Rachel You are forty years old, you know. You're getting too old for this kind of thing.

James Did you get to Concord?

Paul No, I was caught before I got there. But Will Dawes was riding out from Boston. He got through to Concord and warned the men who were guarding the weapons. So the guns were moved before the army got there. They didn't find anything.

Ann Oh, that's good.

Ann People are saying there was a battle at Lexington.

Paul Our Minutemen were waiting there. They were given their orders – 'Don't fire unless you're fired on first!' They say the first shots were fired by the Redcoats. Then the Minutemen fired back. Eight of our boys were killed.

Ann Oh no!

Paul We have to protect our homes and our land, don't we? Even from our own government's soldiers.

James Is it true that the Redcoats burned some houses in Concord?

Paul That's what I heard.

James These soldiers are taking away our rights as Englishmen. They are enforcing laws that we haven't voted on.

Rachel And what happened after the soldiers got to Concord?"

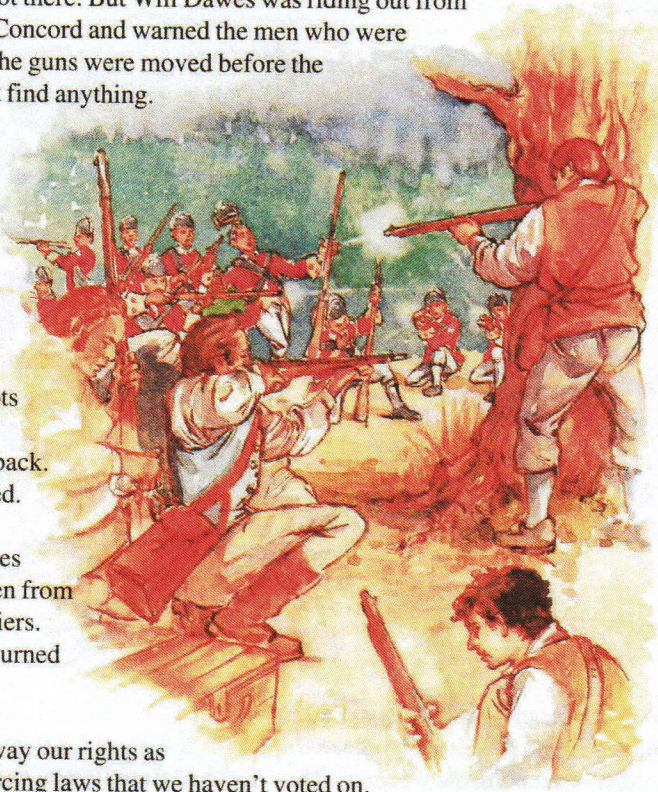
Paul When they didn't find the weapons, they marched back to Boston. But all along the way they were shot at by Minutemen who were hiding behind trees and stone walls.

James What's going to happen now?

Paul There are plenty of patriots in all thirteen British colonies. I know they support us. If the King and the army want a war, they can have one.

Ann We don't want a war, do we?

Paul Yes, if it's the only way. We'll have to defeat the British army before we can win our independence.



EXERCISE 14

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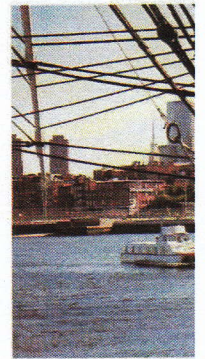
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EXERCISE 16

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EXERCISE 12

Which phrase from Text 2 gives you the following information?

- 1 The British soldiers didn't leave Boston in the daytime.
- 2 Paul Revere has not been forgotten.
- 3 He didn't get as far as Concord.
- 4 The soldiers didn't find any guns.
- 5 The Minutemen didn't start the fighting.

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EXERCISE 13

Answer these questions on Text 2.

- 1 Why did the patriots use two lanterns?
- 2 When did the British let Paul Revere go?
- 3 What did the Redcoats do in Concord?
- 4 Why was it difficult for the Redcoats to march back to Boston?
- 5 What did the colonists have to do to win their independence?