



Johnny Tremain **Background to the Novel**

Objective: Learn about and present a piece of American Revolutionary War history to the class.

Directions:

- Read a brief account* of the events leading up to the war:
http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/patriotsday/peopleevents/e_conditions.html
- Select an item* to research from the list presented in class.
- Research item.* Think about the following:
 - What role did this item play in the American Revolutionary War?
 - What is this item mostly known for?
 - Are there any important dates associated with the item?
- Write a paragraph* summary of your research findings.** (8-10 sentences)
 - Include the following heading: your name, class period, name of your topic
 - Include a list of the url's used in your research at the bottom of the page
- Create something visual* to present. Some possibilities include:
 - A matted picture/poster of your item
 - A Slideshow/Google Slides
 - Make sure to include your name, class period, and name of your topic on the picture
- Present your paragraph* to the class.

Resources:

Below is a list of some acceptable resources. You may need to go beyond these to find all the information you need. While you may not rely on Wikipedia, you may find the links at the bottom of Wikipedia pages useful. **Please make sure to document your sources (i.e. provide a list of the url's of the websites you used to help you write your paragraph).

<http://www.masshist.org/revolution/index.html>

<http://www.theamericanrevolution.org/default.aspx>

http://www.pbs.org/ktca/liberty/chronicle_subject.html

<http://www.history.com/topics/american-revolution>

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/patriotsday/peopleevents/index.html>

Use the space below to take notes on your item:

Use the following outline to help you write your paragraph.

I. **Topic Sentence:** Introduce the item you researched; give a brief summary and it's connection to the war.

II. **Body of Paragraph:** Provide 3 main points about your item; introduce each item, and give a specific/interesting detail.

III. **Closing Sentence:** Summarize your item's importance/connection to the war

List of Research Items for *Johnny Tremain* Presentation

Directions: Write your name next to your chosen item. No more than two people can sign up for the same topic.

1. Paul Revere _____
2. John Hancock _____
3. Sam Adams _____
4. John Adams _____
5. Joseph Warren _____
6. Thomas Hutchinson _____
7. William Dawes _____
8. Minutemen _____
9. Sons of Liberty _____
10. Stamp Act _____
11. Boston Massacre _____
12. Boston Tea Party _____
13. Battles of Lexington
and Concord _____