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Johnny Tremain Reading Guide

Chapter 1- “Up and About”

John Hancock- _____

Merchant Lyte- _____

Johnny’s mother- _____

1. The setting of the novel is

place- _____

year- _____

2. Name and describe the three apprentices in the Lapham house from oldest to youngest.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

3. Name and describe the members of the Lapham family from oldest to youngest.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

e. _____

f. _____

4. **(We will answer this question together in class)** Rank the members of the Lapham household from most to least important.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

- e. _____
- f. _____
- g. _____
- h. _____
- i. _____

5. For what purpose does Mr. Lapham use his morning Bible reading? _____

_____ According to this morning's Bible verses, Mr. Lapham believes that _____ is Johnny's biggest character flaw.

6. What do the Bible verses say will happen to someone who has too much pride?

_____ Johnny is characterized as having too much negative pride; what literary element do these Bible verses represent? _____

7. John Hancock, a wealthy Boston merchant and the Laphams' landlord, comes into the shop to order a _____.

Johnny is called to help Mr. Lapham take John Hancock's order because _____

8. Johnny is surprised to learn that _____ made the original silver tea set.

9. Johnny tells Cilla that his full name is _____, just like the wealthy _____.

10. What does Johnny show to Cilla, breaking his promise to his mother?

_____ Draw what Johnny shows to Cilla.

11. What else does Johnny's mother make him promise? What might this promise foreshadow?

Chapter 2- "The Pride of Your Power"

Paul Revere- _____

Dr. Warren- _____

Gran Hopper- _____

12. "Johnny's own work did not satisfy him as well. He had exactly enlarged the handle in his wax model. Mrs. Lapham and the girls, even Mr. Lapham, said it was fine, and he could go ahead and cast it in silver. It was only Johnny who was dissatisfied." What literary element is used in this passage? _____ What does the passage show us about Johnny's personality? _____

13. When he goes to ask for help with the handle, Paul Revere offers Johnny a(n) _____, but Johnny rejects the offer because _____.
How does Johnny's decision help to characterize him? _____

14. As Johnny tries to finish the handles on Saturday, Dove sabotages him by _____ and _____.
When Johnny yells at Dove about it, Mr. Lapham decides to _____ making it impossible for Johnny to finish the sugar bowl on time.

15. _____ plots with Johnny to finish the sugar bowl on Sunday. It is illegal to work on Sunday in colonial Boston because _____.

16. Briefly describe Johnny's accident, citing at least three factors that contributed to Johnny's fall. _____

17. What did Dove intend to happen to Johnny? _____

18. Dr. Warren wasn't called to help Johnny because _____

19. Describe how Johnny feels when he realizes his hand is crippled and he can no longer train to be a silversmith. _____

20. Johnny is treated differently after his hand is crippled. Give a quote from the text to show how each character treats Johnny:

a. Mrs. Lapham (pg.)- _____

b. Mr. Lapham (pg.)- _____

c. Dove (pg.)- _____

d. Cilla (pg.) _____

21. Mr. Lapham advises Johnny to _____
in order to find a respectable trade he can learn to do with his crippled hand. Because of the promise Mr. Lapham made to Johnny's mother, Mr. Lapham will not _____
like Mrs. Lapham wants him to do.

22. Johnny swears that he will _____ when he
discovers that Dove gave him the cracked crucible on purpose.

Chapter 3- "An Earth of Brass"

Percival Tweedie- _____

Mr. Lorne- _____

Lavinia Lyte- _____

Frizel, Jr.- _____

23. “A butcher...would have employed him, but the idea of slaughtering animals sickened him. He was a fine craftsman to the tips of his finger—even to the tips of his maimed hand.” Explain how this quote shows that Johnny is still too prideful. _____

24. Mr. Lapham dislikes the *Boston Observer* newspaper because _____

25. Describe Rab and the affect he has on others. _____

How does he react differently than everyone else who sees Johnny’s hand? _____

26. Rab offers Johnny a job _____ for the *Boston Observer*, but Johnny turns it down because it is not a skilled job.

27. Why is Johnny so fascinated by Merchant and Lavinia Lyte? _____

28. Johnny goes to see Mr. Hancock to _____. Why doesn’t he succeed? _____

29. Johnny spends the money from John Hancock on _____

30. How does Johnny compare himself to Rab after eating at the restaurant? _____

31. Mrs. Lapham accuses Johnny of _____ when she sees his new shoes.

32. What does Isannah do and say to Johnny that “was the worst thing anyone had said to him”?

33. After leaving the Lapham house and wandering around Boston, where does Johnny end up?

34. What decision does Johnny make at the end of the chapter, which was foreshadowed in chapter 1? _____

Chapter 4- "The Rising Eye"

Aunt Best _____

Sewall- _____

Josiah Quincy- _____

Justice Dana- _____

35. When Johnny tells Merchant Lyte that he is related, Merchant Lyte does not act kindly to him until Johnny mentions his _____. Merchant Lyte then tells him to _____.

36. Rab warns Johnny that Merchant Lyte is _____.

37. Colonists who believe that taxation without representation is tyranny are called _____. Colonists who believe that all of their differences with England and the government can be settled peacefully are called _____. Rab is a _____.

38. Rab lends Johnny _____ for his meeting with Merchant Lyte.

39. What does Merchant Lyte accuse Johnny of doing? _____

40. Johnny gets special treatment in jail because _____

41. _____ offers to be Johnny's lawyer for free.

42. What witness can swear to seeing Johnny's cup before the date on which Mr. Lyte claims it was stolen? _____ What has Merchant Lyte done to be sure she will not testify for Johnny? _____

43. Merchant Lyte testifies that his great-grandfather had six identical cups made in England, and gave one to each of his sons. _____ of the cups came to America, and on August 23rd his own had been _____. He suggests _____ as punishment for Johnny.

44. What is the outcome of the trial? _____ What happens to Johnny's cup? _____

45. After the trial, how does Isannah apologize to Johnny, and how does Johnny react?

Chapter 5- "The Boston Observer"

Afric Queen (place)- _____

Goblin- _____

Mrs. Lorne- _____

Rabbit- _____

Sam Adams- _____

46. How does Merchant Lyte feel about losing the trial? _____
What warning does Josiah Quincy give to Johnny regarding Merchant Lyte? _____

47. Describe how Rab tricked Mrs. Lapham into letting Cilla go to court. _____

48. Johnny finds a job as a _____, but he needs to buy his own supplies. The only thing he owns that is valuable is the _____, so he decides to sell

it to _____.

49. When Johnny goes to see him, Merchant Lyte calls in his employees and uses them as witnesses to Johnny's "voluntary" return of the cup. How does he plan to get rid of Johnny?

Who now has the cup? _____

50. When Johnny escapes from Merchant Lyte's office, what does he do? _____

51. He must learn to _____ before he can deliver newspapers.

52. Where does he live? _____ What other activity goes on there? _____

53. What are some other things Johnny learns while working for the *Boston Observer*?

54. When Johnny meets Cilla at the water pump, they agree to _____

55. Explain how Johnny begins to change because of Rab's influence. Give at least two specific examples. _____

Chapter 6- "Salt-Water Tea"

Governor Hutchinson- _____

The *Dartmouth*, the *Eleanor*, and the *Beaver*- _____

56. What season and year is it at the beginning of chapter 6? _____

57. At this point, England has repealed all of the taxes on the colonies except for the _____ tax. Was this an expensive tax that hurt the colonists financially? _____

58. Read the chapter carefully to find characterization of Sam Adams and Rab that shows how they feel about the upcoming war. Find a quote for each that shows how their **body language** displays their emotions.

Rab- _____

Sam Adams- _____

59. Sam Adams comes with news that the first tea ship is coming into port that day. He asks Johnny to tell the members of the _____ that there will be a meeting that night to discuss what to do about the tea ships.

60. While at John Hancock's house delivering the message, Johnny realizes that he is able to _____, which he could not do two months before. Why is this significant? _____

61. Who do John Adams and Josiah Quincy not want at the meeting? _____

62. Johnny breaks his promise to meet Cilla and Isannah at the water pump. What does this tell you about Johnny's new life?

63. What does Johnny refuse to let Dr. Warren do? _____

64. Describe how the fight between the Sons of Liberty and the Tory in the alley behind the

Lornes' print shop symbolizes what will happen between the colonists and the British Regulars when the war begins. _____

65. Johnny is worried that he can't _____ during the Boston Tea Party because of his _____. He learns how to by _____.

66. The colonists want Governor Hutchinson to send the _____ back to England so they don't have to pay the tax. Cargo must be unloaded from ships within _____ days of docking. Because Governor Hutchinson says no, the colonists decide they must _____ to avoid paying the tax.

67. "The Governor would not let him leave. The town would not let him unload. Between them he was a ruined man." Why was Mr. Rotch a ruined man? _____

68. On the night of _____, the last public meeting about the tea ships is held at the Old South meeting house. Rab tells Johnny to go to the meeting and listen to what _____ says. If he says "This meeting can do nothing more to save the country," then the tea ship will not be sent back to England and they will have the tea party. Johnny will then _____

69. Describe what Dove does and the consequence. _____

70. At the end of the chapter, the British Admiral Montague calls down to the "Indians" that he hopes they had a fun "party," but that they'll have to "pay the fiddler yet." Explain what you think this metaphor means. _____
What literary element (besides metaphor) is this an example of? _____

Chapter 7- “The Fiddler’s Bill”

General Thomas Gage- _____

Mrs. Bessie- _____

Colonel Francis Smith- _____

Lieutenant Stranger- _____

Sergeant Gale- _____

Lydia- _____

71. What month and year is it at the beginning of chapter 7? _____

How long has it been since the Boston Tea Party? _____ Why do you think it took so long for England to punish Boston? _____

72. How is Boston punished for the Boston Tea Party? _____

_____ How does this affect the businesses in town, including the *Boston Observer*? _____

73. “...and off the ships poured a flood, **scarlet as a tide of blood**. Boston was inundated with British soldiers, and now every third person one met in the street wore the handsome uniform of King George the Third.” What literary element is found in this quote? _____

Why do you think Esther Forbes describes the soldiers as a “tide of blood”? (think symbolism and possibly foreshadowing) _____

74. Now that delivering newspapers now takes Johnny only half a day, what does he do to make extra money? _____ Why does Rab

encourage this? _____

75. How does Johnny feel when he sees Rab and Cilla together? How is this a change from chapter 6? _____

76. Dorcas runs off to marry _____, so Mr. Tweedie decided he will wait to marry _____. However, Cilla and Isannah now live with _____.

77. Who is Colonel Smith's new horse boy? _____

78. Who does Lieutenant Stranger remind Johnny of? Why do you think Esther Forbes makes that comparison? _____

79. Why do Johnny and Rab let Dove hang around them? _____
_____ Why does Johnny seem to have forgiven Dove for the accident?

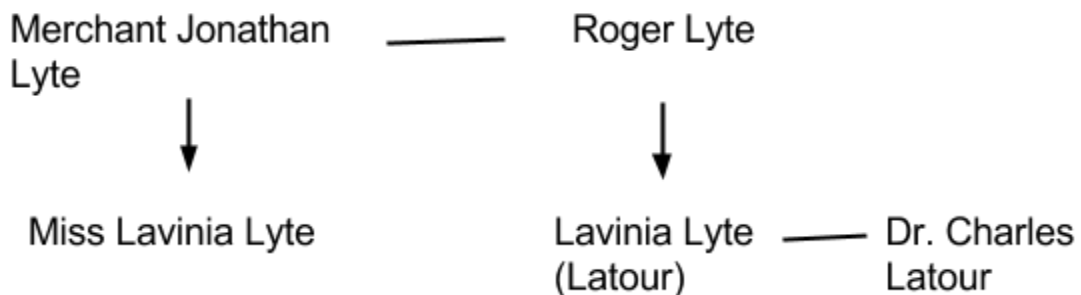
80. What information does Mrs. Bessie tell Johnny about the Lytes and the Sons of Liberty?

Chapter 8- "A World to Come"

Pumpkin- _____

81. What does Mrs. Bessie do that makes Johnny respect her more, but would disappoint Sam Adams? _____

82. Add Johnny's name to the family tree in the correct place.



What is Merchant Lyte's relationship to Johnny? _____

83. What does Johnny do with his silver cup, which Cilla finds in the Lyte's Milton house? Why?

84. What does Johnny do with the genealogy pages from the Bible? Why? _____

85. How does Rab's desire to get a good gun change the way he normally acts? _____

86. What happens to the farmer who was caught selling Rab the gun? _____

87. Who marries Mr. Tweedie? _____

88. What does Cilla imply when she says that Priscilla Silsbee is a terrible name, but Priscilla Tremain makes a fine name? _____

89. It is now fall of 1774, and the Observers are meeting for the last time because General Gage is getting suspicious. They discuss how General Gage sent troops to _____ and seized cannon and gunpowder from the colonists. The Minute Men arrived too late; they decide that they need a _____ in Boston to prevent this from happening again.

90. Sam Adams is asked if he will work for peace when he goes to the Continental Congress. He replies that he will work for _____ because _____

91. Who shows up at the meeting uninvited? _____

92. "Each shall give according to his own abilities, and some—" he turned directly to

Rab—‘some will give their lives... To die so young is more than merely dying; it is to lose so large a part of life.’ Rab was looking straight at Otis. His arms were folded across his chest. His head flung back a little.” What does Otis’ speech foreshadow? How does Rab feel about it?

93. James Otis says that “we fight, we die, for a simple thing. “_____” What do you think this means? _____

Chapter 9- “The Scarlet Deluge”

Earl Percy- _____

94. Describe how the spy system works. _____

What is Johnny’s duty? _____

95. The spy system is successful when Lydia, the Afric Queen maid, gave Johnny scraps of letters that _____ wrote with information about a British army mission to reinforce their fort in Portsmouth. Johnny gave the information to _____, who gathered the militia to steal the weapons stored at the fort before the British could protect it.

96. Explain why Dove is so willing to be Johnny’s friend. _____
How does Johnny feel when he sees Dove bullied by the British stable boys? _____

97. Colonel Smith has two horses; he rides _____ when he is doing military work because he is well-trained, and _____ when he is just riding around Boston because she gets spooked by the sound of military drums and guns firing. Predict how Johnny might use the knowledge of the two horses’ personalities later in the novel. _____

98. How does Pumpkin help Johnny avoid getting whipped? _____

99. What is Pumpkin's dream? _____ What must he do in order to achieve that dream? _____ How does Johnny offer to help? _____
What does Johnny ask for in exchange? _____

100. In section 4 of the chapter, what month and year is it? _____ The British army and the colonial militia are busy preparing for battle. What do we know will happen this month, historically? _____

101. What happens to Pumpkin? _____

102. "Each musket ended with a wicked round eye—watching him so it seemed. Eight cruel eyes. It was like looking into the face of death." What literary element does Johnny use when describing the muskets of the firing squad? _____ How does he feel after he sees those "murderous little eyes"? _____

Chapter 10- "Disperse, Ye Rebels!"

Major Pitcairn- _____

103. The chapter begins on the fourteenth of _____. What historical event will occur soon? _____

104. Describe Johnny's dream. Who is in it? _____
What are they doing? _____
Explain the symbolism of the dream. _____

105. Dr. Warren and Paul Revere discuss the preparations of the British troops and decide Revere will warn the people of Lexington and Concord. They choose _____ as a backup because he is skilled at _____ which should help him to

106. What does Rab decide to do? _____ How does Johnny react? _____

107. Johnny discovers important information about Colonel Smith's plans from Dove. Explain the significance of the horse Colonel Smith will ride. _____

108. Dr. Warren asks Johnny to tell _____ and _____ that their suspicions of the British troop movements are correct. Johnny also goes to tell Robert Newman, the sexton of Christ's Church, to hang _____ in the steeple.

109. What happens while Johnny sleeps in Dr. Warren's surgery office on the morning of April 19th? _____

Chapter 11- "Yankee Doodle"

110. How many colonists fought in Lexington? _____ How many British soldiers? _____ Who won the Battle of Lexington? _____

111. What worries Johnny when he asks Dr. Warren if he knows who was killed in Lexington?

112. Dr. Warren tells Johnny to stay behind in Boston to _____, then slip out of Boston to report to him in Lexington later that day.

113. What simile is used to describe the soldiers outside Dr. Warren's house? _____ How is this symbolic of what will happen that day? _____

114. What mistake does General Gage make when ordering the marines to go to Lexington as

reinforcements? _____

115. Describe Johnny's conflicting feelings when he sees the British flag. _____

116. Johnny calls the large force of British soldiers marching out of Boston a _____

_____.

117. What order does General Gage finally give, but finds that it is too late to succeed?

_____ How does Uncle Lorne escape?

118. Compare what Johnny called the British soldiers marching out of Boston to what he calls them as they retreat back through Charlestown. Explain the significance of this difference.

119. Where are the Lytes going? What about Cilla and Isannah? _____

120. Miss Lavinia explains to Johnny the mystery of the cup and his family. Who is Johnny's father? _____

Why did Merchant Lyte not know Johnny was ever born? _____

_____ Why is Johnny's name Tremain?

121. How does Johnny keep the Lornes safe? _____

Chapter 12- "A Man Can Stand Up"

122. How does Johnny sneak out of Boston? _____

123. Johnny sees _____ and _____
alighting from a boat, wounded from the battle.

124. Why is Johnny so desperate to get to Lexington? _____

125. Where does Johnny find Rab? _____ What happened to
Rab? _____ What bothers Rab
the most about his part in the battle? _____

126. Why does Rab ask Johnny to go to Silsbee Cove? _____
Why did he really send Johnny away? _____

127. When Dr. Warren gets a good look at Johnny's hand, what does he say about it?

128. Dr. Warren tells Johnny that he's not sure he will ever be able to be a silversmith again;
how does Johnny react? _____ What is Johnny
more concerned about doing with his hand? _____

129. Explain the significance of the last line of the story. _____

