The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere
by
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Directions: Read the poem and the questions carefully. Fill in the correct answer circles.

1. Listen my children and you shall hear
2. Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere,
3. On the eighteenth of April, in Seventy-five;
4. Hardly a man is now alive
5. Who remembers that famous day and year.
6. He said to his friend, “If the British march
7. By land or sea from town to-night,
8. Hang a lantern aloft in the belfry arch
9. Of the North Church tower as a signal light,—
10. One if by land, and two if by sea;
11. And I on the opposite shore will be,
12. Ready to ride and spread alarm
13. Through every Middlesex village and farm,
14. For the country folk to be up and to arm.”
15. Then he said “Good-night!” and with muffled oar
16. Silently rowed to the Charleston shore
17. Just as the moon rose over the bay,
18. Where swinging wide at her moorings lay
19. The Somerset, British man-of-war;
20. A phantom ship, with each mast and spar
21. Across the moon like a prison bar,
22. And a huge black hulk, that was magnified
23. By its own reflection in the tide
24. Meanwhile, his friend through alley and street
25. Wanders and watches, with eager ears,
26. Till in silence around him hears
27. The muster of men at the barrack door,
28. The sound of arms, and the tramp of feet,
29. And the measured tread of the grenadiers,
30. Marching down to their boats on the shore.

1. Which lines in the poem tell us that the poet did not live in the same time as the subject of the poem?
   A. lines 24 and 25
   B. lines 6 and 7
   C. lines 4 and 5
   D. lines 11 and 12

2. What is Paul Revere riding on?
   E. a bike
   F. a horse
   G. a carriage
   H. none of these

3. What is Paul Revere warning people of?
   A. bad weather
   B. a battle
   C. the invasion of the British
   D. a phantom ship

4. If the British attack from sea, how many lanterns will be hung in the North Church?
   E. two
   F. one
   G. three
   H. none

5. Where will Paul Revere wait for the signal?
   A. in the belfry of the North Church
   B. Middlesex
   C. on the opposite shore
   D. in the barracks

6. How do you think Longfellow feels about Revere?
   E. He thinks he is foolish.
   F. He thinks he is reckless.
   G. He admires him.
   H. He is frightened by him