Johnny Tremain Answer Key

- 1. When and where does the movie take place? Boston, 1773.
- 2. What is Johnny Tremain's occupation? Silversmith apprentice.
- 3. Why was everyone concerned with tea? They disliked paying a tax when they were not represented in Parliament.
- 4. Why did people of Boston refuse the tea? They would have had to pay a tax with no representation.
- 5. What was Johnny Tremain doing when he burned his hand and why could he have gone to jail? He was fixing the silver pot while breaking the Sabbath Law.
- 6. What was the Sabbath Law? Working on the Sabbath or Sunday was not allowed.
- 7. Eventually Johnny was arrested. Why was he arrested? He was accused of stealing Mr. Lyte's silver.
- 8. Why did Priscilla serve as a witness for Johnny? It was her duty.
- 9. Who were the Sons of Liberty? They were a group of patriots who believed in independence and natural rights for all men.
- 10. Why did the Sons of Liberty provide free legal assistance for Johnny? They wanted to stop a small act of tyranny.
- 11. Name members of the Sons of Liberty committee. Sam Adams and Paul Revere
- 12. What was the result of the Governor's decision of not sending the tea back to England? The Boston Tea Party.
- 13. What was different about Boston in the second part of the movie? The city was under military rule.
- 14. What was Dr. Warren's reply to the British General about giving up weapons and ammunition? That free men had the right to defend their liberties.
- 15. Why did the British go to Portsmith, New Hampshire? To capture ammunition.
- 16. What were Johnny's responsibilities when helping out the Sons of Liberty? To gather information.
- 17. What did Mr. Otis feel was to be the reason for the Revolution? That people throughout the world should have freedom and liberty.
- 18. What was "one if by land, two if by sea?" A code to describe the way the British were going to Concord.
- 19. Who went by horse to inform everyone that the British were coming? Paul Revere
- 20. What were the men called who were waiting for the British? Minutemen or Patriots
- 21. Who were the Minutemen? Men who were willing to be ready to fight at a minute's notice.
- 22. Where were the first shots of the Revolution fired? Lexington
- 23. What did you learn from the film in regard to liberty and rights of free men? (Answers will vary.)