

Study Questions Chapters 9-10

Johnny Tremain

1. Why is this chapter called, “The Scarlet Deluge”?
2. What sort of sky system did Paul Revere organize?
3. What important information do Mr. Lorne, Rab, and Johnny figure out from the torn love letter?
4. What action is taken as a result of this information?
5. How do Rab and Johnny get Dove to talk?
6. What do they learn from him?
7. Why do the British order Johnny horsewhipped?
8. Who helps him escape the punishment?
9. Why do so many of the British desert?
10. With whom do these deserters side—Whigs or Tories?

11. What does Johnny do for Pumpkin? Why?
12. How does Pumpkin die?
13. How does Johnny feel about Pumpkin's death?
14. Do you think Johnny is responsible for Pumpkin's death? Explain.
15. Would you be a friend of Johnny's? Explain.
16. Would you be a friend of Rab's? Explain.
17. Which one are you more like—if either? Explain.
18. Once the fighting starts, what do you think Johnny's role will be?
19. Once the fighting starts, what do you think Rab's role will be?
20. Why does Johnny dream about lobsters?

21. Why do you think he has that dream?
22. What is the plan for alerting the Minute Men when the British troops start to move?
23. Why does Rab leave Boston?
24. Where is Rab going?
25. How does Johnny figure out when the British are going to move—and where they are probably going?
26. Explain what is meant by the line which says, “Billy Dawes was not the only gifted actor in the family.”
27. Why will Paul Revere be riding the fastest horse in Charlestown?
28. How does Johnny get past the British soldiers?
29. Why does Paul Revere try to get Warren to cross with him that night to Charlestown?

30. Why won't Warren go?
31. How do you think Johnny feels as Rab says goodbye? Have you ever felt that way? Explain.
32. What will happen to Johnny?
33. What will happen to Rab?
34. What will happen to Paul Revere?
35. What will happen to Dr. Warren?