

# Patriot's Day

## THE START OF A REVOLUTION

## READING COMPREHENSION



### PAUL REVERE'S RIDE

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#### TAXES AND TEA

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#### THE SHOT HEARD

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### THE SHOT HEARD 'ROUND THE WORLD

Tensions between the colonies and Great Britain kept growing. On April 19, 1775, in the town of Lexington, Massachusetts, the first shots of the American Revolution were fired. Nobody knows who fired first, but this moment became

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### BATTLES AND INDEPENDENCE

After the battles of Lexington and Concord, the American Revolution began in earnest. The 13 colonies fought hard for their independence from Great Britain. Many brave soldiers fought and sacrificed their lives for freedom.



### CONCLUSION

Patriot's Day is a time to remember the brave men and women who fought for the freedom we enjoy today. It's a day to honor the start of a revolution that changed the course of history. So, on Patriot's Day, let's celebrate the spirit of freedom and remember the sacrifices of those who came before us.

## READING COMPREHENSION

### COLORED & B/W VERSIONS INCLUDED



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## THE START OF A REVOLUTION (PATRIOT'S DAY)

DIRECTIONS CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. What event marked the beginning of the American Revolution?

- a) The Boston Tea Party
- b) The signing of the Declaration of Independence
- c) Paul Revere's ride
- d) The battles of Lexington and Concord

2. Who governed the 13 colonies before the American Revolution?

- a) France
- b) Spain
- c) Great Britain
- d) Portugal

3. Why did the colonists protest against the British government?

- a) They wanted more tea
- b) They demanded higher taxes
- c) They sought freedom
- d) They desired more stamps

4. Who disguised themselves as Native Americans during the Boston Tea Party?

- a) The British soldiers
- b) The Sons of Liberty
- c) Paul Revere
- d) The colonial governors

### SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What was the main reason for the protest against the British government?
2. Who organized the Boston Tea Party?
3. How did Paul Revere warn the colonists about the British soldiers?
4. Where did the first shots of the American Revolution occur?
5. What event do we commemorate on Patriot's Day?

5. How did Paul Revere alert the colonists about the approaching British soldiers?

- a) He sent letters
- b) He rode through towns shouting warnings
- c) He lit lanterns in a church tower
- d) He rang bells loudly

6. Where did the first shots of the American Revolution occur?

- a) Boston
- b) New York
- c) Philadelphia
- d) Lexington

7. Who is famous for his midnight ride about the British soldiers?

- a) George Washington
- b) Thomas Jefferson
- c) Benjamin Franklin
- d) Paul Revere

8. What was the primary reason the colonists protested against Great Britain?

- a) They wanted more taxes
- b) They sought independence
- c) They wanted more tea
- d) They desired more stamps

9. What does Patriot's Day commemorate?

- a) The signing of the Declaration of Independence
- b) The Boston Tea Party
- c) The start of the American Revolution
- d) The battles of Lexington and Concord

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## ANSWER KEY

### MCQS

1. a) The Boston Tea Party
2. c) Great Britain
3. c) They sought freedom
4. b) The Sons of Liberty
5. b) He rode through towns shouting warnings
6. d) Lexington
7. d) Paul Revere
8. b) They sought independence
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### SHORT-ANSWER QUESTION

1. The main reason for the colonists' protest against the British government was their desire for freedom.
2. The Sons of Liberty organized the Boston Tea Party.
3. Paul Revere warned the colonists about the British soldiers by riding through towns shouting warnings.
4. The first shots of the American Revolution occurred in Lexington.
5. Patriot's Day commemorates the start of the American Revolution.

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