

Bookfolio for Johnny Tremain

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Recommended for: [Grades 5-8](#)

Classification: Fiction

Genre: [Historical Fiction](#)

Story Summary: Johnny's promising career as an apprentice silversmith comes to an end in 1773 when a crucible of molten silver breaks, badly crippling the gifted boy's right hand. Johnny Tremain's new life begins when he meets a true friend, Rab, who helps him become a rider for "The Boston Observer" newspaper. Rebels, also known as "The Boston Observers," meet secretly at the newspaper office. There, Johnny has the unique and exciting opportunity to meet and listen to patriots like John Hancock, Paul Revere, Samuel Adams, and James Otis. Rab and Johnny take part in the Boston Tea Party and act as spies for the rebels. When the first shots are fired at Lexington, Rab is there. Through Johnny's eyes, the reader experiences the excitement, fear, pride, and sadness of an important period in our nation's history.

Read-aloud Recommendation: Chapter III, (pages 43-64)

**The skills for each activity are identified by the following abbreviations:
R=Reading, W=Writing, S=Speaking, L=Listening, D=Drawing**

Johnny Tremain - Independent Activities	Skills
1. A Literary Type (Distinguishing fact from fiction in historical fiction)	S , W
2. The Initial Incident (Making a story map)	D , W
3. Paul Revere's Ride (Reading a poem)	R , S
4. Strolling Down the Wharf (Assuming a character's role)	S , W
5. Silver: Beautiful and Useful (Researching a topic)	R , W
6. A Long Paper Route (Making a map)	D , R
Johnny Tremain - Group Activities	Skills
1. More Fiction in Fact (Finding story ideas)	S , W
2. Extra! Extra! Read All About It (Writing a news article)	W
3. Signs of the Times (Researching a topic)	D , R , S
4. Great Patriots (Giving a presentation)	R , S
5. More About the War of Independence (Writing a report)	R , S , W
6. "Let's Talk About..." (Discussing the story)	L , S

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