

Bookfolio for **Amos Fortune, Free Man**

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Recommended for: [Grades 4-6](#)

Classification: Fiction

Genre: [Biography](#)

MultiCulture: African American

Story Summary: Captured by slave traders and separated from his sister, fifteen-year-old At-mun tries in vain to retain the pride, honor, and courage he had known as prince of his African tribe. A compassionate man buys At-mun, whom he calls Amos, and sees to it that he learns a trade and becomes literate. After many years of service, Amos becomes a free man. Patiently saving his earnings, he buys other slaves so that they, too, might taste freedom. With the help of his wife, Violet, Amos realizes his dream of buying his own farm. Before he dies, Amos makes gifts to his church and school in order to make the world better for those who come after him.

Read-aloud Recommendation: "Boston 1725-1740," pages 34-52.

The skills for each activity are identified by the following abbreviations:

R=Reading, W=Writing, S=Speaking, L=Listening, D=Drawing

Amos Fortune, Free Man - Independent Activities	Skills
1. The Most Respected Citizen of Jaffrey (Presenting story anecdotes)	R , S , W
2. Violet's Treasures (Writing a journal)	W
3. The Princess's Destiny (Writing a story)	W
4. A Life in Print (Examining documents)	W
5. Tanning a Hide (Making a poster)	D , R
6. The Thirteen Colonies (Making a map)	D , R
Amos Fortune, Free Man - Group Activities	Skills
1. Story Beginnings (Finding sources for story beginnings)	S , W
2. Looking at Fictional Biography (Distinguishing fact from fiction)	S
3. The Voyage Down River (Drawing a picture)	D , R , W
4. A Dialogue (Writing dialogue)	S , W
5. A Man with a Dream (Writing a report)	R , S , W
6. "Let's Talk About..." (Discussing the story)	L , S

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