

## Key Vocabulary Terms

- A. colonies
- B. colonist:
- C. ferried:
- D. memoir:
- E. musket:
- F. regiment:
- G. slaves:
- H. enslaved:
- I. territory:
- J. wilderness
- K. revolution:
- L. Declaration of Independence:
- M. independent:
- N. militia:
- O. historian:
- P. Loyalist:
- Q. Native Peoples:

## I Survived the American Revolutionary War by Lauren Tarshis

\_\_\_\_\_. the first people to live in an area, before the arrival of settlers or colonists

\_\_\_\_\_. a wild and natural area in which few people live, such as a forest

\_\_\_\_\_. carried from one place to another in a vehicle (such as a boat)

\_\_\_\_\_. a type of long gun used by soldiers from the 1500s to the 1800s

\_\_\_\_\_. a document declaring the freedom of the 13 American colonies from British rule. It was adopted on July 4, 1776.

\_\_\_\_\_. a group of people who are trained to fight but are not official soldiers

\_\_\_\_\_. a piece of writing in which a person describes his or her past experiences

\_\_\_\_\_. forced to be a slave

\_\_\_\_\_. a person who lives in a colony or helps create a colony

\_\_\_\_\_. a large area of land

\_\_\_\_\_. during the time of the Revolutionary War, an American who was loyal to the king and did not want the 13 colonies to separate from Great Britain

\_\_\_\_\_. areas that have been settled by people from another country and are controlled by that country

\_\_\_\_\_. a military unit made up of two or more large groups of soldiers

\_\_\_\_\_. people who are owned by other people and forced to work for them without pay

\_\_\_\_\_. a drastic change in the way something is done

\_\_\_\_\_. not controlled by other people or things

\_\_\_\_\_. a person who studies or writes about history

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading & US History**  
**Book Study: I survived the American Revolution, 1776**  
*By Lauren Tarshis*

**Week 1: Assignment 2 - Read Chapters 1-6**

**Comprehension Questions**

1. The main idea of Chapter 1 is —.
- a. Nate's friend has died.
  - b. The battlefield is blood-soaked.
  - c. Nate is running to survive.
  - d. Nate is too young to be a soldier.

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2. How does the reader know I Survived the American Revolution is told in 3rd person point of view?
- a. The narrator uses pronouns like I, me, and my.
  - b. Only the thoughts of Nate are told.
  - c. The narrator uses pronouns like he, she, it, and they.
  - d. The narrator tells the story to another character using the word 'you.'
3. Both Chapters 1 and 2 end with ----.
- a. sound devices [alliteration, rhyme, onomatopoeia]
  - b. cliffhangers [situations that are very exciting because what is going to happen next is not known]
  - c. figurative language [metaphors, similes, personification]
  - d. sensory details [sight, sound, taste, touch, smell]
4. Which literary device is used to tell the story?
- a. flashback
  - b. foreshadowing
  - c. flash forward
  - d. chronological order

5. Which two phrases best summarize Chapters 3-4?

- a. playing quietly, bad mouthing George Washington
- b. pirate stories, choking to kill
- c. Theo hits Storch, Nate takes the blame
- d. Marston and Storch speak of war, selling Gregory

6. What is the main conflict that Nate is facing at the end of Chapter 4?

- a. should he fight back or not
- b. how to survive his uncle's anger
- c. what to do to protect Theo
- d. whether to tell the truth or lie

7. Based on the events of the story, which of the following seems most likely?

- a. Storch will forgive Nate.
- b. Eliza will tell Storch the truth.
- c. Nate will not be able to go back to Storch's house.
- d. Theo will get into trouble.

8. Read this passage from Chapter 4.

Storch lunged forward and grabbed Nate by the throat. His hands were like iron claws. With his bulging eyes and blood-smeared face, Storch looked like a sea monster from Nate's worst nightmares.

Which type of figurative language does this passage contain?

- a. metaphor
- b. simile
- c. personification
- d. alliteration

9. Read this passage from Chapter 5.

Clicks and buzzes and hoots, the rustling of invisible wings and paws.

Which type of sound device is used in this passage?

- a. alliteration
- b. rhyme
- c. onomatopoeia
- d. rhythm

10. Which statement contains an opinion?

- a. American soldiers had no uniforms.
- b. Most of them wore felt three-cornered hats.
- c. Storch thought the soldiers looked like scarecrows.
- d. Looking around, Nate saw most of the men wore dusty trousers and work shirts.

11. What is the main conflict Nate is facing?

- a. where to get food
- b. how to survive in the city
- c. finding a merchant ship
- d. having to build dirt walls

12. Sequence the following events by numbering them in the correct order.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Nate climbed on the Valerie and hid under some baskets of corn.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Nate decided to go to the Norwalk Harbor and catch a ride to New York City.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Nate was surprised that New York City looked deserted.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Nate realized he had landed in the middle of the war.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Nate woke up alone in the woods.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Nate jumped off the ship as soon as it was close to the dock.