



My Brother Sam Is Dead

Handout 5: Reading Questions

Questions – Chapters 1 and 2

1. Describe a tavern in a colonial town. What activities occurred there?
2. What historical event triggers the conflict in the Meeker family?
3. Why does Mr. Meeker oppose Sam's fighting?
4. How does Sam think his brother Tim could help the Rebel cause? What does Tim think about this idea?

Questions – Chapters 3 and 4

5. How are the people of Redding affected by the war in the summer of 1775? How did this change in 1776?
6. What does Sam tell about discipline among soldiers in the militia?
7. Why doesn't Sam go down and tell the soldiers that his father is telling the truth about the gun?

Questions – Chapters 5 and 6

8. How did Tim's feelings about the war change after the search for weapons?
9. How was food a problem?
10. Why does Tim want to carry the letters for Mr. Herron? Why doesn't his father want him to do it?

Questions – Chapters 7 and 8

11. What does Sam's letter reveal about conditions among the American troops?
12. What happened to law and order in Westchester County since the war began?