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My Brother Sam Is Dead **Chapter 1 (1775)**

The story begins. . .

The story is told through the eyes of _____ Meeker. At the beginning of the story we find out that he and his family live in _____ where they run a _____ and _____. The main action of chapter one focuses on _____

Facts-In-The-Fiction

1. The first battles of the Revolution were at _____ and _____. (pg. 2)
2. British troops were called “_____” because of their red uniforms. (pg. 4)
3. Patriots believed England shouldn’t get _____ off colonial taxes and felt that an island _____ miles away had no right making _____ for them. (pg. 7)
4. Colonial families were run by the _____. He could _____ his children. The _____ had no power and kids were expected to keep _____ even when they knew an adult was _____. (pgs. 8-9)
5. Most colonial families were very _____. Behaviors like pride, sloth (laziness), cursing, and drunkenness were considered _____. (pgs. 10, 13, 14)
6. Patriots began to see themselves as _____ not Englishmen. (pg. 21)

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Chapter 2 (1775)

The story continues. . .

In chapter two we learn that _____ has returned. He is hiding from his father up at _____'s shack. We meet his girlfriend, _____ .

The main conflict of chapter two centers on the fact that _____

Facts-In-The -Fiction

1. As part of "Triangular Trade," the colonies imported products like _____ and _____ from Barbados (the British West Indies). (pg. 24)
2. There was religious _____ in most of the colonies but in some places you couldn't be a " _____ " (Catholic). (pg. 25)
3. Seating in churches was "segregated" ~ children, _____, and _____ sat away from everyone else. (pg. 28)
4. Sermons were long ~ sometimes more than an _____! (pg. 29)

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Chapters 3-4 (1775)

The tension mounts. . .

The main action of chapter four centers on the fact that _____ troops arrive in Redding. Why are they there and what do they do? _____

Tim is terrified and runs to find Sam. When he gets to Warrup's shack, what does he do and what happens? _____

Facts-In-The-Fiction:

1. At the beginning of the war life was pretty much “_____.” (pg. 38)
2. At _____ Hill the Patriots _____ the British troops before finally being _____ off by the Brits. (pg. 39)
3. Rebels ~ led by Ethan Allen ~ took Fort _____ without a fight. (pg. 39)
4. In rebel areas “Tory” (Loyalist) newspapers were _____ and you weren't supposed to read them. (pg. 39)
5. In areas controlled by rebels, Continental troops confiscated (took) _____ from the Tories (Loyalists). (pg. 50)
6. Rebel troops didn't have enough of _____, including _____. (pg. 51)

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Chapter 5-6 (1776)

An interesting development. . .

The focus of chapter five is on one of the Meekers' neighbors. Who is he and what does he want Tim to do? _____

Why does this cause tension between Tim and his father? What happens at the end of chapter five?

Describe the main action in chapter six: _____

Facts-In-The-Fiction:

1. Troops on both sides _____ food from the colonists. (pg. 63)

2. Because supply was getting low, prices on everything were going _____. This is called INFLATION. (pg. 63)

3. It was hard to tell who was really _____ ~ sometimes both sides claimed to have won the same _____. (pg. 64)

My Brother Sam Is Dead Chapters 7-8 (1776)

Things get scary. . .

What happens to Tim and his father in chapter seven? _____

In chapter 8, while staying with his cousins Tim admits to himself that _____

Facts-In-The-Fiction:

1. As the war went on, _____ , _____ and shot, _____ and leather were getting scarce. (pg. 86)

2. _____ soldiers had very short _____ (food) and didn't have proper _____ ~ some didn't even have _____ ! (pg. 87)

3. Claiming to be _____, roving bands of thieves called " _____ - _____ " robbed travelers. (pgs. 90-91)

4. Colonists thought of the other colonies as _____ countries! (pg. 98)

5. _____ ran wild, common _____ between people began to disappear as they began to _____ themselves against their neighbors. (pg. 101)

6. Local groups ~ called " _____ of _____ " ~ tried to keep order. (pg. 101)

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Chapters 9-11 (1777)

Tragedy strikes. . .

Explain what happens to Tim and his father on the way home: _____

How does Tim outwit the “cowboys”? _____

Tim has a dramatic change of heart in chapter 10. What happens? _____

Near the end of chapter 11, Tim and Sam argue about _____

_____. As a result of that argument, Tim begins to see Sam and himself differently. Identify the change in Tim: _____

Facts-In-The-Fiction:

1. Rebel “_____” (paper money) weren’t always accepted because they wouldn’t be worth anything unless the Rebels _____ the war. (pgs. 128-129)

2. _____ was in short supply and so was _____ else. To make things worse, on top of that _____ kept going up and up. (pg. 129)

3. _____ were passed to try to control rising prices. (pgs. 129-130)

4. Colonial Assemblies declared it was _____ to _____ for the King and Parliament. (pg. 131)

5. Many _____ fought and died as Patriots. (pg. 144)

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Chapters 12-14 (1777-79)

Tim grows up. . .

Two tragic pieces of news reach Tim in chapter 12. What are they and how do they change Tim?

Tragedy continues to befall the Meeker family. Summarize what happens at the end of chapter 12 and, ultimately, what happens to Sam: _____

Facts-In-The-Fiction:

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1. Prison ships on BOTH sides were _____ ~ baking _____ in the _____, _____ in the winter, with nothing but _____ to eat.

The worst part was _____ which spread like wildfire. (pg. 165)

2. During the winter of 1777, rebel troops suffered terribly at _____

_____ in Pennsylvania. (pg. 168)

1778

3. Prices kept _____ upward, _____ was shorter and shorter in supply, and everyone was in _____. (pg. 169)

4. The majority of soldiers were _____ but would _____ if they got hungry enough. (pg. 174)

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5. Punishment of soldiers was harsh ~ whipping, hangings, and being _____. (pg. 180)