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 ____________________________

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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)
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 ______________________________
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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)
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? ________________________________________________________________

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

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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)
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? __________________________________________
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Why does this cause tension between Tim and his father? What happens at the end of chapter five?
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Describe the main action in chapter six: __________________________________________________
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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)
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Chapters 7-8 (1776)

Things get scary. . .

What happens to Tim and his father in chapter seven? ___________________________________
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In chapter 8, while staying with his cousins Tim admits to himself that _________________________
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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: _______________________________
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How does Tim outwit the “cowboys”? ______________________________
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Tim has a dramatic change of heart in chapter 10. What happens? _____________________________
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Near the end of chapter 11, Tim and Sam argue about _____________________________________
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As a result of that argument, Tim begins to see Sam and himself differently. Identify the change in Tim: ______________________________
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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)
Two tragic pieces of news reach Tim in chapter 12. What are they and how do they change Tim?

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

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Facts-In-The-Fiction:

1777
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)

1779
5. Punishment of soldiers was harsh ~ whipping, hangings, and being ______________ . (pg. 180)