

Chapters XI – Epilogue

Comprehension Check

As you read and take notes, use the Comprehension Check questions to guide your understanding of the novel. If you have trouble finding an answer, reread.

Directions: Using a separate sheet of paper, answer the questions in complete sentences so that the question is included in the answer.

Chapter XI

1. Why does Captain Betts argue with Susannah Meeker about 'patriotism'?
2. What bothers Tim as he listens to General Wooster talk with General Benedict Arnold?
3. Even though Sam and the troops are in Redding, why is Sam reluctant to see his family?
4. What do Sam and his mother argue about?
5. When Tim says he has a funny feeling about Sam, what has he realized about Sam's real motives for going to war?

Chapter XII

1. What does Tim's family find out about his father in June of 1777?
2. Why does Tim say, "I decided that I wasn't going to be on anybody's side any more"?
3. Why does Tim feel as if his life is like running on a treadmill?
4. What advice does Sam give to Tim when he returns to the tavern on December 3, 1778?
5. What happens to Sam when he tries to stop the soldiers from stealing his family's beef?

Chapter XIII

1. What does Tim realize about Sam's capture when he visits Colonel Parsons at Captain Betts' home?
2. After he visits the encampment what does Colonel Read say about why General Putnam feels it so necessary to make an example of Sam?
3. What has Susannah Meeker known for the past three weeks?

Chapter XIV

1. How does Tim decide to save his brother? What happens to his plan?
2. Use specific detail to tell what happens at the end of the chapter.

Epilogue

1. After the pain of Sam's death heals, what does Tim do with his life?