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Paul Revere

Paul Revere was born in Boston on January 1, 1735. Paul went to school at the North Writing School and was an apprentice under his father, learning the art of working with gold and silver. His father died when he was only 19 years old and Paul took over the family business.

Only two years after the death of his father, Paul volunteered to fight the French in New York. After his short bout with the French, Paul married Sarah Orne and they had eight children together. When she passed away, Paul remarried and had another eight children.

Paul used the skills that his father taught him as he became a goldsmith and silversmith to provide for his family. In this vocation, Paul also produced illustrations for books, book plates, illustrations and political cartoons. He received notable attention for the political cartoons that he drew.

A year before the American Revolutionary War, Revere had been gathering intelligence information about the British troops. He kept a watchful eye on the British soldiers. In addition, Revere also was a courier for the Boston Committee of Correspondence and the Massachusetts Committee of Safety.

Historians refer to Paul Revere's ride on April 18, 1775, as the Midnight Ride, because late that night, Paul Revere was given special instructions to ride to Lexington to warn John Hancock and Samuel Adams of the advancing British troops. On his way to Lexington, he yelled "the British are coming, the British are coming!"

Throughout his life, Paul Revere was active in politics. He was involved in the Boston Tea Party in 1773 and consequently fought in the Revolutionary War against the British. After the war, Paul Revere owned his own business, opening the first copper rolling mill in the United States. On May 10, 1818, Paul Revere died at the age of 83.

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Paul Revere Questions

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2. What did Paul learn from his father? _____
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5. Before the American Revolution began, who was Paul Revere gathering intelligence about? _____
6. On the night of April 18, 1775, what was Paul Revere given instructions to do? _____

7. What words did Paul Revere famously say on his way to Lexington? _____

8. In what year did the Boston Tea Party take place? _____
9. After the Revolutionary War, Paul Revere opened the first _____
mill in the United States.
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Paul Revere Answers

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2. What did Paul learn from his father? **The art of silver/gold smithing**
3. Who did Paul go to fight against in New York? **French**
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