Message for a Spy
Accelerated Reading Test

1. Why were the Redcoats in Jake's Landing?
   a. They were guarding the coast.
   b. They were making sure their supply lines stayed open.
   c. They were preparing for attack.
   d. All of the above

2. What does Jamie mean when he says that Tom is "neutral"?
   a. Tom is not for the Patriots.
   b. Tom is not for the Loyalists.
   c. Tom is for neither side.
   d. Tom can be for whichever side people need him to be.

3. How did Tom help Jamie when Jamie was on his way home from
   meeting Tom at the old barn?
   a. Tom helped him run away from the soldier.
   b. Tom told the soldier that Jamie and he were going frog hunting.
   c. Tom introduced Jamie to the soldier so he could be a friend
      with him, too.
   d. Tom blocked the way so the soldier could not get to Jamie.

4. Why did Jamie have to trap for animals for food instead of hunting
   with a gun?
   a. Jamie's gun was not working right so he wasn't using it.
   b. Jamie's family did not own a gun.
   c. Jamie liked the challenge of trying to catch animals with a trap.
   d. Jamie's father needed to use the family's gun in the war.

5. How did Jamie and his ma get news from his pa?
   a. Jamie's cousin, Nathan, came from Clarktown to give them the
      news.
   b. They got a phone call from his pa.
   c. A post-rider brought letters to their neighbor, Mary's, house.
   d. A soldier from his father's regiment stopped by the house.

6. During what battle did Mary's husband, Joshua, get injured?
   a. They were in the Battle of Bunker Hill.
   b. They were in the Battle of Saratoga.
   c. They were in the Battle of Yorktown.
   d. They were in the Battle of Freeman's Farm.

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7. Even though he could bring Mary's family supplies, why did Jamie not want Ezra to come to town?
   a. The people in Clarktown did not like Ezra.
   b. The Redcoats might steal Ezra's horse.
   c. Ezra did not want to bring supplies.
   d. Ezra lived too far away to get the supplies there in time.

8. Why did Jamie decide to meet Tom at the tavern?
   a. Jamie wanted to see if the peddler had something they could use.
   b. Jamie wanted to ask the peddler for news about his pa.
   c. Jamie wondered if the peddler would hire him to help.
   d. None of the above.

9. What important job was the peddler doing for the Patriots?
   a. The peddler carried war plans to the soldiers.
   b. The peddler asked more men to join the army.
   c. The peddler collected lead bullets from farmers.
   d. The peddler passed on war plans from generals to generals.

10. Who does Jamie overhear talking about the Redcoats leaving Jake's Landing?
    a. Jamie overhears Paul, the Redcoat, talking to his friends.
    b. Jamie overhears Gus, the tavern owner, talking with Redcoats.
    c. Jamie overhears Tom talking to the Redcoats.
    d. Jamie overhears the peddler giving information to a farmer.

11. How does the peddler know that he is talking to the right people by talking to Jamie and his ma?
    a. He knows Jamie and his ma can keep a secret.
    b. He knows that Jamie is mature for his age.
    c. He asks if Jamie and his ma are related to Jamie's cousin, Nathan.
    d. He has a feeling that Jamie and his ma are Patriots, like him.

12. What is Jamie's cousin, Nathan's, job that takes him from village to village to pass on information about the British's movements?
    a. He is a messenger.
    b. He is a post-rider.
    c. He is a drummer boy with the army.
    d. He sells milk from town to town.
13. Why was Tom hiding in George's cabin?
   a. He did not do his chores, and his parents were angry.
   b. The Redcoats were looking for him because they thought he took their money.
   c. He did not want to join the army, but his parents wanted him to.
   d. He and George were playing a game of hide-and-go-seek.

14. Why were the Spanish coins more valuable than the other types of colonial money?
   a. Spanish money was more or stable, or kept its value, during the war.
   b. Other kinds of money being used were not stable.
   c. Both a and b.
   d. It was the only kind of money used.

15. What story does Jamie tell the soldiers as to why he is in walking at night in Clarktown?
   a. He wanted to get information for the Patriots.
   b. He was on his way to his aunt’s for medicine.
   c. He was on his way home from work.
   d. He was on his way to an early morning job.

16. What had the Colonists been doing to slow down the Redcoats?
   a. The Colonists were cutting down trees and destroying bridges.
   b. The Colonists were giving out wrong information.
   c. The Colonists were putting up roadblocks.
   d. None of the above.

17. What does the author mean when she says "perhaps the dogs sensed the dawning of a new day"?
   a. The dogs had a really good sense of smell.
   b. The dogs were scared and quiet when the sun rose.
   c. The dogs knew it was early and to be quiet because people were sleeping.
   d. The dogs knew the British were gone and could relax.

18. Why didn’t Jamie encounter any one on the way home?
   a. The soldiers had left America.
   b. The soldiers were still sleeping.
   c. The soldiers had left Jake’s Landing.
   d. The soldiers had surrendered.
19. What did the dispatcher say had happened to the British ship and soldiers?
   a. The dispatcher said Spaniards had captured ship, and it had never reached New York.
   b. The British ship had sunk in a really bad storm.
   c. The British ship had hit an iceberg and sunk.
   d. The Patriots had captured the ship and all of the soldiers.

20. Jamie's father was not coming home so that he could help General Washington in what famous battle?
   a. Jamie's father was going to help in the Battle of Freeman's Farm.
   b. Jamie's father was going to help in the Battle of Saratoga.
   c. Jamie's father was going to help in the Battle of Bunker Hill.
   d. Jamie's father was going to help at Valley Forge.