The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere

Chapter 1

In order to understand the Ride of Paul Revere You have to understand the events that led up to this. It was 1763; the French and Indian War (the Seven Years War) had just ended. Britain had a lot of debts to pay, so to get the money they needed, they decided to tax the colonists in America. The colonists were already upset with the Proclamation of 1763, which meant that they weren’t allowed to cross the Appalachian Mountains due to the threat of American Indian attacks.

So, on March 5, 1770 the colonists went to the Customs House (where the taxes are collected) in Boston. They started throwing ice, rocks, and snowballs at the British soldiers who were guarding the building. British soldiers started firing into the crowd. In the end 5 colonists were dead and many more wounded, this event in history was called the Boston Massacre otherwise known as the Bloody Massacre. Due to this event Britain decided that they should take off taxes on everything except tea. The colonists still weren’t happy; they wanted all the taxes off so three years later, they dressed up as Mohawk Indians and when the next ship came into the colonies with tea barrels they went on and dumped the tea into Boston Harbor! This event is known as the Boston Tea Party. Events like these are what caused the American Revolution.

Chapter 2

The Midnight ride of Paul Revere happened April 18-19 1775 in Boston to Lexington. This is how the colonists were ready for the British.

The Secret Plan

The British wanted to destroy the colonists’ military supplies. But the colonists found out and wanted to be ready for them. They moved their supplies to Concord. Paul Revere and William Dawes rode to warn John Hancock and Samuel Adams about the British coming, they also warned all the colonists so they were ready.

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Midnight on April 19, 1775 was one of the most important nights in history. Twas the night that Paul Revere rode to warn the people that the British were coming. Paul Revere started in Charlestown and went along the Mystic River, into Medford into Lexington then into Concord. But Paul Revere wasn't alone, no, William Dawes and Dr. Samuel Prescott road different routes to warn people the British were coming. William Dawes’ route was starting in Boston then past the Charles River into Cambridge, then Menotomy (Arlington) and Lexington and Concord. Paul Revere was a postman so he knew the route a even in the dark.

Chapter 3 It was almost midnight of April 18, 1775 and I got ready to ride my route to warn my fellow Sons of Liberty and my fellow colonists.

"They’re coming," said a fellow rider. "We best be off." He mounted his horse, nodded to me and sped off.

"Well," I whispered. "Here we go."

I mounted my horse as well and set off through Charlestown. It was hard to see through the dim light but as a postal man I knew this route by heart. I starting heading towards where the houses were and I opened my mouth and yelled: "The Redcoats are coming!"

And: "The Regulars are coming!"

I heard rustling in the house and people came out with muskets and gunpowder. Some know me and nodded, but I had to keep moving. Beside me I could see the Mystic river and knew I was close to Medford.

"The Lobster Backs are coming!" I said. "Grab your musket,grab your gun powder!"

I headed into Medford and warned the people of the Redcoats. I was beginning to get tried but I couldn't stop now. As I neared to Concord, I rode faster and faster and yelled louder and louder knowing that I would help the colonies become free.

Chapter 4

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Paul Revere is also important because he helped the patriots win their freedom. Because the British was going to destroy the colonists’ military supplies and the colonists had to be ready to turn the soldiers back. So if Paul Revere hadn’t warned the colonists that the British were coming then the supplies would be gone and the patriots couldn’t have fought against the British and got their freedom.

Paul Revere was also important because he was brave, it was important to be brave in the Revolutionary time because you can't just give up you have to keep on fighting. Paul Revere was brave because he still road to tell the colonists that British were coming even though he knew he could be captured and killed. He was very brave to do this.

This is why I think Paul Revere was important because he saved a lot of lives, he helped the patriots gain their freedom, and he was brave. I feel this makes him important because this are things you need to do to become a hero and I believe that Paul Revere was a hero. Thank you for taking your time to read my essay and hope now you think more of Paul Revere than you did before.