

EIGHTH GRADE SUMMER READING

James Printer-A Novel of Rebellion by Paul Samuel Jacobs

Your first literature test will be on James Printer. It will include identification of Jacobs' use of literary devices, identification of characters based upon dialogue quotations, and several short answer responses about the plot.

We will also use the novel, along with a non-fiction essay from the Pilgrim Hall Museum (to be handed out in class in August) to locate passage quotes that support the thesis that Jacobs makes use of accurate historical details in this work of historical fiction.

Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

A "recall" check test will be given.

Hoot by Carl Hiaasen

You are to choose a minimum of four songs that would be appropriate for a soundtrack. Note (write on a paper) the place in the story where each song would play and why each is a good selection for that passage or occurrence.

Free Choice

Read! Read! Read! Read whatever you want to read (with parental approval that is) and figure out a way to demonstrate that you read it and explain why reading it was (or was not) a worthwhile expenditure of your time. Here are some examples of what you could do, as discussed in class: Choose something to read simultaneously with a peer and email one another about your reactions. Or, read an article in a magazine and write a letter to the editor about it. Or, do something artistic (a portrait of the main character?), if you are so inclined. JUST READ, and THINK about what you read, and ENJOY the fact that you can CHOOSE, READ, and THINK.

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Test

Part 1: Identification of Literary Devices

Choose 4 of the following 7 literary devices and identify it in James Printer. (Note: Your explanation will include a definition of the literary term.)

EXAMPLE: If the literary device was "Author" a response might read- The author of James Printer is Paul Samuel Jacobs. Jacobs wrote this novel.

Setting	Narrator	Protagonist	Antagonist
Minor character	Internal conflict	External conflict	

Part 2: Identification of Characters

Using the work bank, match 4 of the following 7 quotes with the character who says it. Write the character's name next to the letter of the quote with which it corresponds.

Bartholomew	Annie	Sam	Master Green	Mistress Rowlandson
James Printer	Prince Philip	Goody Gray	Captain Moseley	Lemuel Brown
Reverend Eliot	Master Gookin	Little John	Mistress Dunster	Trapper John Hoar
Uncle Robert				

- "You cannot know the hardship we Puritans suffered when we came new to this land. Scarce a dozen houses. Boston was an infant town and Cambridge no more than a bog. Often I wondered that I might die here in the wilderness, so far from my home. But I put my shoulders to the work and my faith in God and see how I have profited."
- "How can you ask, Bartholomew? I work in your shop. I eat at your table. I read the same Bible. How could I take arms against you?"
- "It is the tale of my captivity. The bookseller, Master Usher, wants one thousand copies of this little book. He wanted it printed on the new press in Boston, but I said it was more fitting that your hand should set my words in type."
- "And if I do sometimes exchange liquor for furs, what of it? Don't I give value for value? I am an honest tradesman like yourself, and I must make a living how I can."
- "Oh, I was there, and with this one good eye did I see this Little John shoot down the poor, young Captain Hutchinson."
- "If I had my way, no Indian would ever more be allowed to carry a gun in any of our New England colonies. I would let them starve before I would risk the life of one English man or woman."
- "They were taken as captives, five women, three girls, and two young boys, altogether, Annie and Elizabeth among them. A trapper found me two terrible days later, still sitting in a field of carnage, the only one left alive."

Part 3: Short Answer Responses (Choose 2 out of the following 3.)

- a. Explain the aspects of James Printer's background that led to him being able to speak English, know the customs of an English person, and become a printer's apprentice.
- b. Describe what occurs at Muddy Brook as Annie's family is on their way to Deerfield. Include how James figures into this event.
- c. "The proclamation said that in fourteen days, all Indians at large in Massachusetts Bay should surrender themselves to Governor Leverett. Those who did so would be forgiven their misdeeds during the war. But those who did not would be punished when the war was over." Thoroughly describe how this plays out for Captain William who was "a praying Indian, a chief of the Nipmuck. And before the rebellion he was an assistant to our friend and neighbor, Master Gookin."

Part 4: Short Answer Responses (Choose 2 out of the following 3.)

- d. How does James Printer's request for a pardon play out? Include how Annie figures into the outcome, the terms set by the Governor, and James's actions.
- e. What becomes of King Philip?
- f. What do Annie, James, and Bartholomew do at the end of the novel?