

My Brother Sam Is Dead

Characters (write a couple sentences describing each person in the story):

**Tim:**

**Sam:**

**Mother:**

**Father:**

**Mr. Bench:**

**Tom Warrups:**

**Benedict Arnold:**

**Jerry Sanford:**

**Betsy Read:**

### **Chapter I (1)**

What is the battle that Sam describes as he comes into the Tavern?

Who are the Lobsterbacks? Why do you think Sam uses this name?

Why does Sam believe the colonists should be free? Describe the issues he has with the King and England.

Describe the relationship between Sam and Tim in at least three sentences.

How does Father feel about the possible war between the colonists and the English? Why does he feel that way?

What happens at the end of the chapter between Father and Sam?

## **Chapter II (2)**

What are some of the reasons Tim lists off as to whether to stay with England or rebel against England? List at least three of the six he gives.

Where was Sam? What does he want Tim to do?

How does Sam feel about the conflict between the Tories and the Rebels?

Make a guess; is Tim going to support his father and the Tories or Sam and the Patriots? Why do you think so based on the book so far?

## **Chapter III (3)**

In the beginning of the chapter, Tim says life is pretty much the same; except for a few things. What are the few things he talks about that have changed?

What kinds of chores does Tim have, being the son of a tavern owner?

What did Betsy Read tell Tim about Sam? How long did this take to actually happen?

## **Chapter IV (4)**

What did Tim witness happening in the tavern after the soldiers came into town?

Why did the Soldiers want to take the guns from the people of Redding?

What did Tim try to do to save his parents? What or Who stopped him and why?

## **Chapter V (5)**

Why was food running so low in the colonies at this time? Give as much detail as you can.

Who is Mr. Heron?

What does Mr. Heron want Tim to do? What does father realize this involves? Be as descriptive as you possibly can?

Why does Father say no to Mr. Heron's offer? How does he explain his response to Tim?

How does Tim feel about Father's response? What does he plan to do?

## **Chapter VI (6)**

Where is Betsy Read going?

Is Mr. Heron a Tory or a Patriot, what do you think? Why?

What happens between Tim and Betsy on the road?

What does the letter actually say?

## **Chapter VII (7)**

What other supplies are getting desperate?

What was Sam's life like in the military? (his description from the letter)

Why were Tim and Father going to Verplancks Point?

What happened with the cow-boys on the road?

## **Chapter VIII (8)**

Who was the group that helped father on the road?

What is it like in Westchester County due to the war? Be as descriptive as you can.

What did Father and Tim face on their way back from Verplancks Point?

## **Chapter IX (9)**

What happened on the journey back home in this chapter?

What did Tim tell the cow-boys to fool them? Did it work?

Take a guess is Father alive? Why or Why not?

### **Chapter X (10)**

What is life like for Mother and Tim now that Father and Sam are gone?

How did Father's capture change Tim?

What happened when the British soldiers came into town? Be as descriptive as possible.

How did the events with the British soldiers in his town make Tim feel towards the British cause?

### **Chapter XI (11)**

Before the British shot him, what was the goal of this wounded man?

Who came to the tavern later that night? What were they looking for?

Who did Tim end up finding? What was the conversation about that the family had in the barn?

What changed about Tim and Sam's relationship?

### **Chapter XII (12)**

What do you find out about Father at the beginning of the chapter? What happened to him? Be Descriptive.

What happened to Jerry Sanford? Be Descriptive.

How does Sam describe war?

Why does Sam want Tim to butcher the cows? Why doesn't Tim do this right away?

What happens to Sam at the end of the chapter?

### **Chapter XIII (13)**

Why does Colonel Read believe that things look bad for Sam?

What was the final ruling in Sam's court case? How did Mother react to the news?

What did Tim go through to try to save his brother?

### **Chapter XIV (14)**

What was General Putnam's final verdict? How did Mother react? How did Tim react?

How did Tim try to save Sam? What ended up happening with his attempted rescue?

**Please read the Epilogue to find out what Tim did with the rest of his life and the section called "How much of this book is true" to find out what was made up and what was real.**