History will regard our nation as inevitable. It wasn’t. In 1765, we were still a group of colonies living under British oppression. There wasn’t even a thought of revolution, much less a United States. Things were so bad, gangs took to fighting each other in the streets. The crown really didn’t care what we did to each other, as long as we paid our taxes. But everything changed on August 13th when Dr. Warren came looking for me. After that, there was no turning back.

1. Sam Adams escapes the British soldiers, leading an angry mob to British Governor Hutchinson’s mansion. What does the mob do?

2. John Adams meets his second cousin Sam in a basement. Why is there a warrant out for him?

3. Why will Sam Adams not collect taxes?

4. How does Governor Hutchinson try to persuade John Hancock to “take care” of Sam Adams?

5. What is John Hancock’s proposal to Sam Adams?

6. How does Governor Hutchinson react to John Hancock’s deal?

7. The letter arrives in London, England and Dr. Benjamin Franklin tries to ease the tension. How does Lord North and the British respond to the unrest in Boston, Massachusetts?

8. Why is John Hancock frustrated with Governor Hutchinson?

9. After John Hancock’s ship, the Liberty, was taken, what does he ask Sam Adams to help him do?

10. What trick did the crew use to hide the smuggled goods from the British patrol?

11. What does Paul Revere create for Sam Adams and what does it mean?
12. How does Governor Hutchinson find out about the smuggling?

13. Following the raids, John Hancock and Sam Adams meet to discuss their next move.
   a. John Hancock’s Plan:
   b. Sam Adam’s Plan:

14. What does the “T” stand for?

15. How is Sam similar to his father?

16. What happens to young Christopher during the riot?

17. Where did Governor Hutchinson send the man who shot Christopher, why?

King Street, March 5th, 1770

Do you feel the British Redcoats had the right to fire into the crowd?

Character Match Game

John Adams  British General
Paul Revere  Diplomat
John Hancock  Doctor
Thomas Gage  British Army Officer
Ben Franklin  Lawyer
Thomas Hutchinson  Sons of Liberty Organizer
Sam Adams  Silversmith
Joseph Warren  Governor of Massachusetts
Thomas Preston  Wealthy Business Owner