

April Morning Internet Hunt

Based on the novel *April Morning* by Howard Fast

Directions: Click on the [link](#) to go to a web site with the answer to the question. Once you find it, use the **Go Menu**, of your browser, to return to this web page.

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1. The author, Howard Fast, wrote many books set during the time of the American Revolution. [What happened to him in 1950?](#)

2. What happened to [Mr. Fast's books](#) after the above occurred?

3. Vocabulary - Use this [online dictionary](#) to find the meaning of the following words:

inordinately

sufficiently

barbarian

presumptuous

ravenous

Find a [synonym](#) for:

disparity

potent

tentative

4. This book is set in colonial Massachusetts, Is there really a Menotomy, MA.? Research the answer on the World Wide Web.

5. The story is told as a first person recollection of the events of the day. [Here is another account.](#) How do the two recollections compare?

Write two similarities.

Write two disparities.

6. In the tale, Adam recalls playing a game called Pontiac. It was named after a Native American.

[Write three facts about Pontiac.](#)

7. Adam mentions Buckman's Tavern several times. What were the [roles of taverns](#) in the 1800's?

8. Two famous patriots are mentioned in the story: [John Hancock](#) and [Samuel Adams](#). What are each of them famous for doing?

9. More than part of a weapon, what other role did [musket balls](#) play in Colonial America?

Why? (Listen to the virtual lecture)

10. What happened to the [midnight riders](#) who warned the people the British were coming?

11. Explore this interactive site about [Daily life during Colonial times](#).
What were the roles of women?

12. Like Adam's father, [Sybil Ludington](#) acted to support liberty. Explain.

Extend your thinking:

Are the facts straight? This is a work of historical fiction. It is based on actual events. Use this [map resource](#) at the Library of Congress to determine just how accurate it is. Identify the route taken by the British that was described in the story. Left Charlestown, crossed the Charles River, on to Cambridge, then on to Menotomy.