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**I Survived The American Revolution, 1776**

Novel Activities

**Part 1: Figurative Language – Similes**

In the following similes, tell what 2 things are being compared.

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| **Page** | **Simile** | **What 2 things are being compared?** |
| 12 | Theo stood proudly, his brown eyes gleaming like polished gold. |  |
| 22 | Storch lunged forward and grabbed Nate by the throat. His hands were like iron claws. |  |
| 54 | The people of Boston were like prisoners. |  |
| 74 | The Hessians sounded more like storybook monsters than real-life soldiers. |  |
| 94 | The musket ball streaked out of the barrel like a comet, trailing flames and smoke. |  |
| 97 | Shards of wood flew like daggers. |  |

The following 2 sentences show examples of another type of figurative language. Read the sentences below, and see if you can figure it out.

Pg. 9 – “But then a twenty-foot wave grabbed hold of Papa and swept him off the deck. In a blink, he was swallowed up by the sea - and gone forever.”

Type of figurative language: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Part 2: Characterization**

Use the following text examples to help give a character trait for each of the following characters:

**Uncle Storch – Character Trait: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Page 4 (Nate is working in his uncle’s vegetable garden) – “His muscles ached from hours of work. But even worse was the sound of his uncle’s voice, barking through the open dining room window.”

Page 6- “Storch turned toward the kitchen and bellowed, “More meat!”

“Eliza stood patiently while the men heaped food on their plates. She’d been up since dawn cooking this meal. But neither of the men thanked her, or even looked at her.”

Page 7 – Storch was always looking for an excuse to give Nate a whack with his walking stick.

Use the following pages – 10, 21, 22, and 23 - to give at least 2 more examples that show Storch’s personality.

Page \_\_\_\_\_ - Sentence(s) from the book: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Nate – Character Trait:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Page 19 – “Nate rushed over to Theo, who was trying to hide behind the cherry tree. Nate lifted Theo up and hugged him close.”

Page 20 – “Don’t worry!” Nate whispered to Theo. “I won’t let anything happen to you.”

Page 21 (Nate tells Storch the stick came from his hands instead of Theo’s hands.) “I’m sorry, sir, he said. “It was an accident. The stick slipped from my hand.”

**Part 3: Decisions to Make**

Patriots were Americans who were fighting to break free from their mother country, England. Loyalists, on the other hand, wanted to stay loyal to King George and not break away from England. In the story, Storch and his pal are on England’s side. “Storch hated George Washington more than he hated the fleas that crawled around his curled white wig.” (page 6)

If you lived in 1776 in America, would you have been a patriot or loyalist?

I would have been a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Uncle Storch and many other people owned slaves during this time period. If you lived back then, what would you have done to try to stop slavery?

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**Part 4: More decisions to Make**

In chapter 5, Nate has to decide what to do and where to go after he breaks free from Storch’s choking grip. He doesn’t want to leave Eliza and Theo, so maybe he should turn around and go back to Storch’s house. After all, he doesn’t have any money or food with him. Then he remembers what the pirate Slash O’Shea did when he couldn’t take the orphanage anymore. He got a job on a ship. Nate also remembers Eliza’s last word to him which was “Go.”

Nate decides to sneak on a ship headed for New York City. If you were Nate, what would you have done and why?

Choice 1 – Go back to uncle’s house

Choice 2 – Head on the ship for New York City

I would chose choice \_\_\_\_\_ because\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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At the end of chapter 6, Nate realizes he has landed in the middle of the war. He hurries back to the waterfront to try and catch the Valerie back to Connecticut. If you were Nate what would you have done?

Choice 1 – Wait for a ship to go back to Connecticut

Choice 2 – Stay in New York City

I would chose choice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Part 5 - Making Inferences**

Use the following page numbers to help give evidence for the following inferences.

(Pages 7-8) – There were rough conditions on the wooden sailing ships.

Evidence: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Page 30) – New York City was dirty and smelly.

Evidence: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Page 34) – Nate is scared.

Evidence: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Part 6 - Compare and Contrast**

Use page 33 and the pictures of the uniforms on pages 72-73 to compare and contrast the soldiers and the drummer boys.

One way the American soldier, Hessian soldier, and British soldier are alike is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

One way they are different is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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One way the American drummer boy and the British drummer boy are alike is

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