

Paul Revere Retold Answer Key

1. Facts:

- Date: April 18, 1775.
- Paul Revere rode to warn that British troops were coming.
- Lantern signals in the Old North Church: one if by land, two if by sea.
- Revere was eventually stopped by British soldiers, but the warning spread.

2. Fictionalized/Exaggerated:

- Revere wearing "silver armor" to protect him from musket fire.
- Townsfolk cheering and promising him eternal fame during the ride (most villagers were asleep, and his ride was done in secrecy).

3. **Why Fiction Added:** Fiction makes the story more dramatic, heroic, and memorable, capturing the imagination of readers and listeners.

4. **Value of Separating Fact from Fiction:** It helps readers understand the actual historical events while appreciating how myths and legends grow around them. It sharpens critical thinking and prevents misconceptions about the past.

Teacher Note: Highlight how Longfellow's famous poem about Revere also added dramatic flair, showing how literature can shape historical memory.