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Patriot Pace

Directions: You will read the passage below for **exactly 60 seconds**. When the timer stops, **mark the last word** you read clearly with a pencil or underline it. Count the number of **words you read accurately** and record it in the chart below. Reread the entire passage once more at your own pace to improve understanding and fluency.

“Paul Revere’s Night Ride”

On the night of April 18, 1775, Paul Revere mounted his horse and set off on a mission that would echo through American history. The city of Boston was tense, its streets filled with whispers of British troops preparing to march. Revere, a skilled silversmith and trusted patriot, had been chosen to spread the alarm. His task was to warn the countryside that the British were coming to seize weapons and arrest colonial leaders. Guided by the glow of lanterns and the rhythm of his horse’s hooves, Revere galloped from town to town, shouting his urgent message into the night air. Villagers rushed from their homes, lighting candles and banging drums to alert others.

By dawn, the alarm had spread across Massachusetts. Farmers, blacksmiths, and tradesmen dropped their tools and took up muskets to defend their freedom. Though Revere himself was captured before reaching Concord, his warning had already accomplished its purpose. The militia was ready when the British arrived, sparking the first battles of the American Revolution. Paul Revere’s midnight ride became more than a warning—it became a symbol of courage, quick action, and the power of one determined voice to change the course of history.

Reading Attempt	Words Read Correctly	Errors	WPM (Words Per Minute)
First Read			
Second Read			

Reflection: How did your speed or confidence change between the first and second read?
