

## Patriot Pace Answer Key

- **Total Passage Word Count:** 242 words
- **Average 5th-Grade Benchmark:**
  - 1st Read (Cold): 120–140 WPM
  - 2nd Read (Warm): 135–160 WPM
- **Expected Growth Range:** +10–25 WPM
- **Sample Example:**
  - 1st Read: 130 WPM, 3 errors
  - 2nd Read: 150 WPM, 1 error
  - Improvement: +20 WPM and smoother phrasing noted

### Teacher Notes / Guide

**Objective:** Students practice timed reading with a historically rich nonfiction passage, improving **rate, accuracy, and prosody** while encountering authentic historical context.

### Implementation Tips:

- Time students for **exactly one minute** and remind them not to rush at the expense of accuracy.
- Allow a peer or the teacher to follow along and mark errors for feedback.
- Use this passage to integrate **social studies connections** by briefly discussing the events of the American Revolution.
- Encourage students to underline words or phrases that were difficult and practice rereading them aloud.

### Extension Activities:

- Have students create a **timeline** of Paul Revere's journey using key details from the passage.
- Use this as a model for students to research and write their own "**One-Minute Dash**" **historical passage** on another famous event.
- Discuss how reading fluency helps students **retain and interpret** historical information more effectively.