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Skill: Reading Comprehension

Read the story and answer the questions.

Paul Revere

One of the most famous heroes of the Revolutionary War is Paul Revere. In April of 1775, American colonists in Boston were waiting for an attack on their city by the British. However, they did not know if the attack would come by land or sea. Colonists acted as lookouts in Boston's Old North Church and had arranged signals to alert the citizens of the attack. From the top of this church, everyone in Boston would be able to see the signal. The signal was "one if by land, two if by sea." One lit lantern at the top of the Old North Church meant the attack was coming by land, and two lit lanterns meant the attack was coming by sea. As British ships sailed up the Charles River, two lanterns were lit in the church. After seeing the signal, Paul Revere rode through the countryside alerting his neighbors of the coming battle. Revere rode and rode all night shouting the news, "The British are coming, the British are coming!" Thanks to his bravery, the colonial soldiers were prepared for the attack.

1. What is the main idea of this story? (Circle the answer).
 - A. The British attacked Boston by sea.
 - B. Lanterns were useful to colonists.
 - C. Paul Revere's bravery helped prepare his neighbors for battle.
2. Another word for "watchful, ready for action" is: (Circle the answer).
 - A. heroic
 - B. alert
 - C. brave
3. Boston is located in which state?

4. Why did the colonists choose the Old North Church as the signal area?

5. Why is Paul Revere considered a hero?

