



Student Quiz/Essay Contest

All students must answer the 8 chapter questions (5 points each) and complete the essay (60 points).

Essay question: In the story, *The Path to Freedom*, you learned how young teenagers, Luke and Sylvie, were doing the type of work adults did to help both their own family and the cause they believed in. Look through newspapers and other sources for modern examples of young people working for their families or for things they believe in. Compare and contrast one modern example with the work of Sylvie or Luke. (60 points)

See judging rubrics for more details on how points will be determined.

Rules

1. To enter, each student can answer the attached quiz *or* go online and complete the student quiz/essay found at <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07edpn9dk2iy0h8qe8/start>
2. This student evaluation is made up of eight (8) questions, one for each chapter of the serial story, "The Path to Freedom," and one essay question. The chapter questions are worth 5 points each. The essay is worth a total of 60 points, for a total of 100 points.
3. Students can go back and change answers until they hit the final submission button. There is no time limit. However, Constant Contact or internet connection issues may disrupt your submission. The first complete attempt is the one that will be considered for submission to the contest.
4. The essay must be no more than 150 words (or 1000 characters) long. Students are expected to use proper English. Spelling and punctuation count. Use of texting shorthand or emoticons will result in an automatic disqualification. Students should type their essay first into a word processing program and paste it into the essay portion of this quiz to avoid a technical glitch from wiping out their work. If completing the quiz/essay on paper, the essay may be typed into a computer, printed out and attached to the paper quiz.
5. There will be up to 6 regional winners from across the state. After state winners have been determined, the names of all winners will be announced via a press release to all daily newspapers across New York State. Judges decisions are final.

6. Winners will be notified by phone or email through their school.
7. Employees of the local newspaper and their immediate family members are not eligible to win.
8. Each entry must be the sole product of the student's work. The student's name and complete contact information **MUST** be entered at the time of submission to be eligible. This information includes:
 - a. Newspaper or website used to follow the story (either in-print or online)
 - b. Student's full name
 - c. Student's grade
 - d. School name (If home schooled type home)
 - e. School address (If home schooled provide home address)
 - f. Teacher's name
 - g. Teacher's email address or school phone number (to notify student winners)
9. Students must in grades 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8. Students may enter by mail or through any internet connection available to them but **MUST** include the above contact information.
10. Mailed entries must be post marked by **Monday, May 8, 2017** and mailed to NYNPA, Attn: Mary Serial Story Entry, 252 Hudson Avenue, Albany, NY 12210-1802. Entries completed online at <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07edpn9dk2iy0h8qe8/start> must be submitted no later than Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 4:00 pm. All entries must include answers to the eight (8) chapter questions and the contact information listed under Rule 9.
11. If you have any questions regarding this project please email Mary Miller at mmiller@nynpa.com.

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All students must answer questions 1 through 8. Please circle the correct answer. (5 points each)

1. David and Jonathan are...

- Luke Van Gelder's little brothers
- Neighbor friends of Luke Van Gelder
- The Van Gelder's team of horses
- None of the above

2. Why does Luke lie about his age?

- He's really only 14 years old and needs to be at least 16 to work as a wagoner for the militia.
- He wanted to feel more important than his Opa.
- He didn't lie, he really thinks he is 16 years old.
- He wanted to be able to drive a car.



3. What time of day was it when Luke, Sylvie and their father John left the farm to join up with the militia on the Fort Ann Road?

- Early evening
- In the afternoon
- Late at night
- Very early in the morning

4. True or False: John and Luke cut down the large tree to take back to their sawmill.

- True
- False

5. In Chapter Five, farmers left their homes because...

- They were afraid of an approaching forest fire.
- They fled to safety ahead of the advancing British Army.
- There was so much rain, they left before their homes were covered by flood waters.
- It was useless to try to grow crops in muddy soil so they moved away.

6. True or False: Morgan's riflemen were tough, hardened soldiers and were rude and rough with Luke and Sylvie.

True False

7. The riflemen cast their own bullets because...

- Congress never sent them supplies.
- They were bored and didn't have anything better to do.
- Each rifle needed bullets cast from a special mold for that particular weapon.
- Musket balls weren't as accurate.

8. About how long were John, Luke and Sylvie Van Gelder away from home and fighting with or helping the patriots during the war?

- 2 weeks
- 10 days
- 3 months
- 2 years

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You may attach additional paper if necessary.
All students must provide the information on the following page:

Newspaper or website used to follow the story (either in-print or online) _____

Student's full name _____

Student's grade: (circle one) 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th

School name (If home schooled write home) _____

School address (If home schooled provide home address) _____

Teacher's name _____

Teacher's email address or school phone number (to notify student winners, if home schooled provide home phone number) _____

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