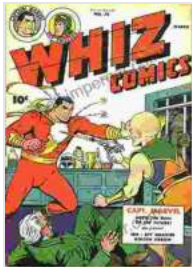


The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere Annotated: A Journey Through History and Literature



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The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere is a classic poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow that tells the story of Paul Revere's famous ride to warn the American colonists of the British invasion. The poem was first published in 1860, and it has since become one of the most beloved and well-known poems in American literature.

This annotated version of the poem provides historical context, literary analysis, and discussion questions to help readers understand and appreciate the poem's significance. The historical context section provides information about the events leading up to the British invasion, as well as the role that Paul Revere played in the American Revolution. The literary analysis section examines the poem's structure, language, and imagery, and discusses how these elements contribute to the poem's overall

meaning. The discussion questions encourage readers to think critically about the poem and to form their own interpretations.

This annotated version of *The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere* is a valuable resource for students, teachers, and anyone interested in American history and literature. It provides a deeper understanding of the poem's historical and literary significance, and it encourages readers to engage with the poem on a more meaningful level.

Historical Context

The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere takes place in the spring of 1775, at the outbreak of the American Revolution. The British government had been imposing increasingly harsh taxes on the American colonists, and the colonists were growing increasingly restless. In response, the colonists began to organize militias and to stockpile weapons. The British government responded by sending troops to Boston to enforce the taxes.

On the night of April 18, 1775, British troops marched out of Boston to Lexington and Concord to seize the colonists' weapons. Paul Revere was a member of the Massachusetts Committee of Safety, and he was tasked with warning the colonists of the British advance. Revere rode through the countryside, shouting "The British are coming!" He alerted the militia in Lexington and Concord, and he helped to mobilize the colonists to resist the British invasion.

Literary Analysis

The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere is a narrative poem that tells the story of Paul Revere's ride in a straightforward and chronological manner. The poem is written in iambic tetrameter, which is a meter that consists of four

iamb, or units of two unstressed syllables followed by a stressed syllable. The poem's regular meter and rhyme scheme create a sense of rhythm and movement, which helps to convey the excitement and urgency of Paul Revere's ride.

The poem's language is simple and direct, and it uses vivid imagery to create a vivid picture of Paul Revere's ride. The poem's opening lines, for example, paint a vivid picture of the midnight sky and the sleeping countryside:



“Listen, my children, and you shall hear Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere.”

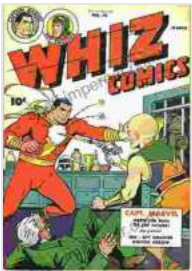
The poem also uses repetition to create emphasis and to reinforce the poem's central message. The line "The British are coming!" is repeated throughout the poem, and it serves to create a sense of urgency and to emphasize the importance of Paul Revere's mission.

Discussion Questions

1. What were the events that led up to the British invasion of Lexington and Concord?
2. What role did Paul Revere play in the American Revolution?
3. How does the poem's structure, language, and imagery contribute to its overall meaning?
4. What is the poem's central message?

5. How does the poem reflect the values and beliefs of the American colonists?

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