

US History 7

Summer Reading 2023

Historical Fiction Novel

- Revolutionary War Era Choice - **Choose 1 to read:**
 - ***Johnny Tremain* - Esther Forbes**
 - [Amazon.com: Johnny Tremain](#)
 - ***Sophia's War: A Tale of the Revolution* - Avi**
 - [Amazon.com: Sophia's War ~ A Tale of Revolution](#)

Due Dates:

- **The novel with annotations: Tuesday, September 5th, 2023**
- **Character Head Characterization ~ Friday, September 8th, 2023**

Annotating With a Purpose With Your Summer Reading

- Annotation allows you, the reader, to be more actively engaged when reading text.
- It is an excellent reading comprehension strategy so you can think critically about a text.
- It will help you develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of the text being read.
- You will also be taking ownership of your learning.

Annotation makes your post-reading work and discussions more robust and efficient. You're choosing to annotate only portions of the text **you** want to address further through group discussion or writing.

This allows you to focus and share what you read that is important to you versus overloading your brain with remembering everything.

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DIRECTIONS: For each chapter, use the following symbols to annotate consistently and effectively. *It is not necessary to use all of these symbols for every chapter.*

- **Underline** key ideas and major points or a significant turning point.
- Write a "?" (Question mark) next to anything confusing, such as unfamiliar words or unclear information.
- **Circle powerful** phrases/quotes.
- Choose your own vocabulary words (key terms) - Write a star ☆ by words you don't know or words you do not know very well! **At least two words per chapter.**
- Put an ! next to surprising or essential information or information that helps you make a connection.
- Use a # to indicate a similar event or experience in the novel that has also happened to you.
- Use a 😊 or 😂 LOL - to indicate something you really like in the chapter or something you find humorous

Additional Guidance

- Your goal is **not** to annotate everything
- Focus on what you're interested in versus how much you're annotating
- There should be annotations completed in each chapter that reflect a quality effort.
- Mindset for reading Historical Fiction genre:
 - Envision being present and witnessing what you are reading
 - Recommended background reading:
 - [Why Historical Fiction Is Important for 21st-Century Kids | Brightly](#)
 - Ask mental (In your head) questions while you are reading

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Character Head Characterization Rubric

Choose one character and characterize them using the template provided.

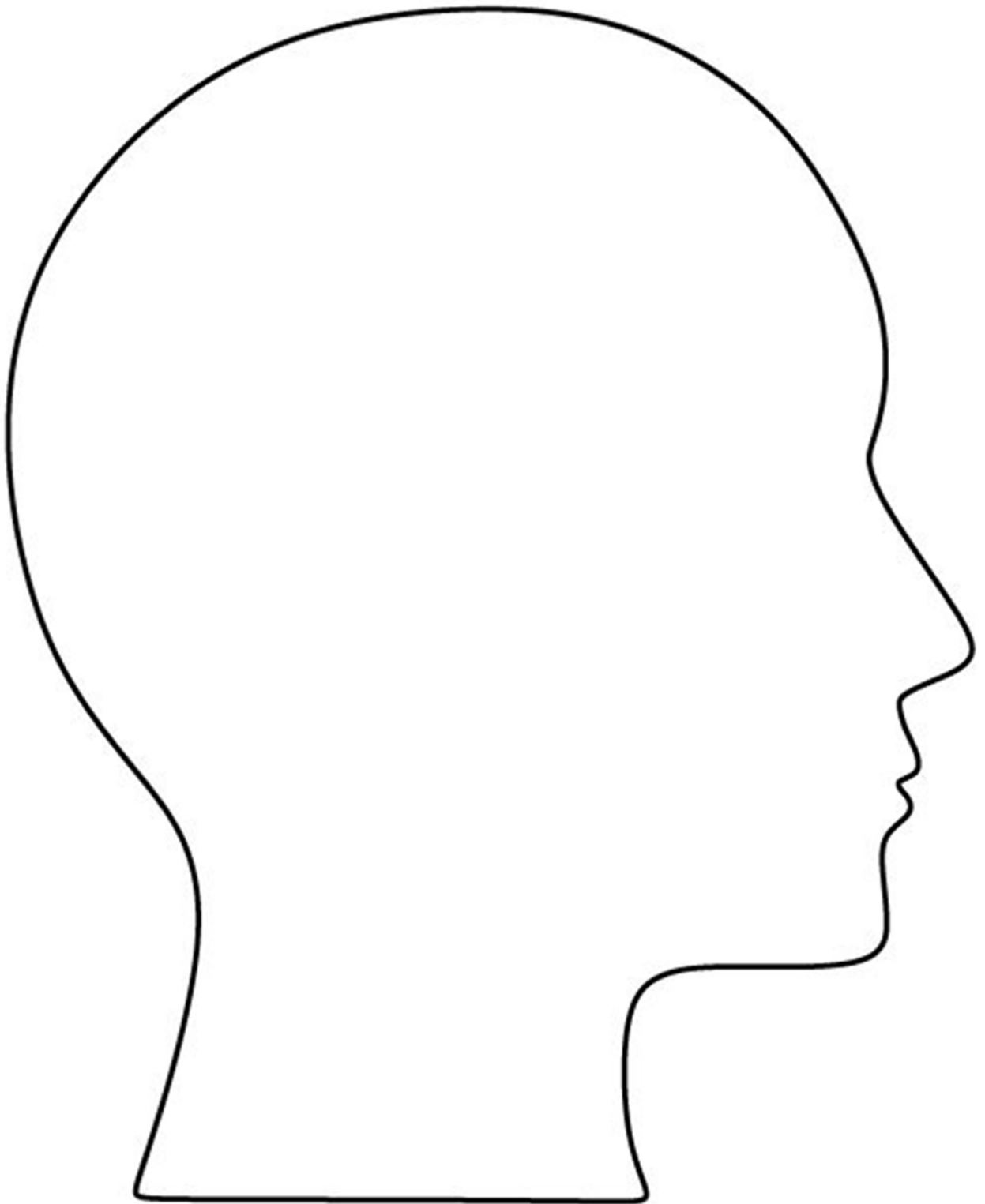
80 POINTS AVAILABLE (5 Points for each of the criteria met below)

- _____ Character's name in large font.
- _____ Include one significant character quote.
- _____ Include two images relevant to the character (concrete or abstract).
- _____ Include three adjectives to describe the character.
- _____ Include the character's nickname in the story or one you create.
- _____ Briefly describe a turn point event involving the character.
- _____ Identify the character as either dynamic or static with a brief explanation of why.
- _____ Include the title of the novel or story, author, and genre.
- _____ Use an attractive color scheme with virtually no white space.
- _____ All text is legible, dark, and attractive. The final text is not written in pencil.
- _____ Head is securely glued to reinforced backing ~
(Construction paper, card stock, or poster board)
- _____ Head and backing are cut and trimmed neatly.
- _____ Error-free in grammar, mechanics, and spelling.
- _____ Name, date, and class period on the back of the final product.
- _____ Attention to detail, high quality of work, unfolded - no creases and crumples.
- _____ Quality of work reflects knowledge and understanding of the character.

Consider either drawing, printing, or cutting and pasting images and fonts to add variety to the project.

_____ **POINTS EARNED**

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Enrichment Resources - Historical Fiction

Below, you will find helpful resource links for Historical Fiction novels. Any of the following links can help with finding supplemental reading resources for middle school students. There are plenty of great options!

Historical Fiction Bookshelf

[Popular Middle Grade Historical Fiction Books](#)

[Award-Winning Historical Fiction for Middle Grade Readers](#)

[Bookworm for Kids: Historical Fiction](#)

U.S. History Magazine

Cobblestone - <https://shop.cricketmedia.com/cobblestone-magazine-for-kids.htm>