**Chapter I Review Questions**

1. Who are the Lobsterbacks Sam is so excited about? What has happened to them?

2. Where has Sam been for the last year?

3. What does Tim look forward to about Sam’s homecoming?

4. What does Sam usually do after a fight with his father?

5. When Tim goes to the barn to do his chores, what does Sam do that irritates him?

6. What does Sam reveal to Tim about why he has really come home?

7. How does Life feel about young men going to war? Why?

8. Think about the argument between Sam Meeker and his father. What was it about? Whose side would you have been on and why?

9. Why does Tim think “ there were bad times coming?”

**My Brother Sam is Dead Review Questions: Chapter 2**

1.) How is Redding divided into two parts?

2.)Tom Warrups, the Indian , is worried about people learning something about him. What is it? Why do you think he cares?

3.) As they are preparing for church, what is difficult about Tim’s conversation with his father?

4.) Why does Tim lie about Jerry Sanford wanting his help to carry a log from the woodlot?

5.) When Sam leaves, why is Tim confused?

6.) Describe the setting.

7.) Select one character and list 5 character traits to describe them. Use evidence from the story.

**Chapter 3 Review Questions**

1.) What are some of Tim’s chores? How are his chores different from what other children might do?

2.) What activities does Tim enjoy doing with Jerry Sanford? How is this different from what you enjoy doing when you’re relaxing?

3.) Why does Tim communicate secretively with Betsy Read about Sam?

4.) What does Tim want to tell Sam about what he has accomplished? Why?

5.) What does Betsy mean when she nods her head slowly up and down?

**Chapter 4 Questions**

1.) What happens at the tavern to make Tim realize war had finally come to Redding?

2.) What does his father do that makes Tim realize why Sam is so stubborn?

3.) Why does Tim clamber over stone fences to reach Tom Warrups’ shack?

4.) How does Tim threaten Sam? Why does he do it?

5.) Why couldn’t Sam explain to the Continentals that he had the Meeker’s Brown Bess?

**Vocabulary Words:** Churning (48) Clambering (52) Stock (53)

**Chapter 5 Questions**

1.) What difficulties is the war causing in Tim’s life?

2.) In spite of everything how does Tim feel about his older brother Sam?

3.) Why doesn’t Tim’s father want Tim to carry business letters for Mr. Heron?

4.) What chores is Tim doing as he grows angrier and angrier to the point of boiling over? Why is he so angry? Are his feelings miserable? Why?

5.) What does Tim realize when his father allows him to go fishing with Jerry Sanford?

**Chapter 6 Review Questions**

1.) How does Tim finally get to talk to Mr. Heron?

2.) As Tim is talking to Betsy on his way to do an errand for Mr. Heron, he realizes that something does not make sense. What doesn’t make sense? Why?

3.) Why does Betsy jump on Tim and wrestle him to the ground?

4.) What does Mr. Heron’s letter say?

5.) How do you think Tim feels when he realizes the purpose of Mr. Heron’s letter?

**Chapter 7 Review Questions**

1.) Why do Tim’s mother and father argue about Sam’s letters?

2.) Why is it dangerous to drive cattle to Verplanks Point?

3.) Why is Tim excited about going on the trip with his father?

4.) As they traveled to Verplanks, what stops the cow-boys from taking their cattle?

5.) Why is Tim disappointed with his trip to New York?

**Chapter 8 Questions**

1. Why do Tim and his father stop at the clapboard farmhouse just off the Ridgefield Road?

2.How is life in Westchester County different from Redding?

3.Explain why Life tells Tim, “If wishes were horses, beggars would ride.”

.4 What does Tim’s father purchase after the sale of the cattle



.5 Why does Life not want to stop for the night at Green’s Tavern?

**Chapter 9 Questions**



1. Since they do not have an escort, what is Tim and Life’s plan for traveling?
2. What is Tim doing when he realizes he has not seen his father for a long time?
3. In his desperation to find his father, what does Tim do?
4. What does Tim discover and what does it mean?
5. When the cow-boys stop Tim, what does he do that shows his bravery and intelligence?

**Chapter 10 Questions**

1. Why does work at the tavern worry Tim?

2. Why is business so good at the store and so bad at the tavern?

3. In what ways is Tim aware that he is acting more and more grown up?

4.On April 26th when the Redcoats come into Redding , why do the officers go to Mr. Heron’s first ?

5. At the end of the chapter, why doesn’t Tim feel much like being a Tory any more ?

Chapter 11

1. Why does Captain Betts argue with Susannah Meeker about “ patriotism”?
2. What bothers Tim as he listens to General Wooster talk with General Benedict Arnold?
3. Even though Sam and the troops are in Redding, why is Sam reluctant to see his family?
4. What do Sam and his mother argue about ?
5. When Tim says he has a funny feeling about Sam, what has he realized about Sam’s real motives for going to war?

**Chapter 12**

1. What does Tim’s family find out about his father in June of 1777?
2. Why does Tim say, “I decided that I wasn’t going to be on anybody’s side anymore”?
3. Why does Tim feel as if his life is like running on a treadmill?
4. What advice does Sam give to Tim when he returns to the tavern on December 3, 1778?
5. What happens to Sam when he tries to stop the soldiers from stealing his family’s beef?



**Chapter 13**

1. What does Tim realize about Sam’s capture when he visits Colonel Parsons at Captain Betts’ home?
2. After he visits the encampment what does Colonel Read say about why General Putnam feels it so necessary to make an example of Sam?
3. What has Susannah Meeker known for the past three weeks?

Chapter 14

1. How does Tim decide to save his brother? What happens to his plan?
2. Use specific detail to tell what happens at the end of the chapter.

Epilogue – after the pain of Sam’s death heals, what does Tim do with his life?