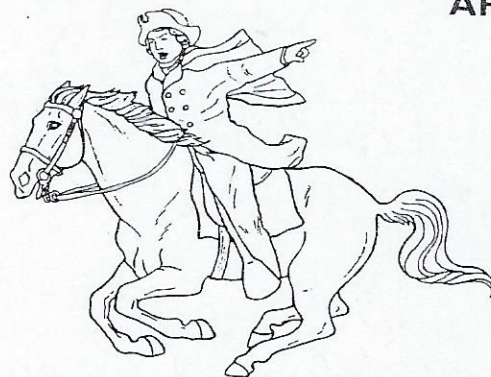Name _____

PAUL REVERE (1735-1818)

Day 3

Most people know of Paul Revere because of the famous ride he made on April 18, 1775. Many do not realize, however, that Revere did many other things too.

Revere was born on January 1, 1735, in Boston, Massachusetts. He was trained as a silversmith. He was very skillful at engraving designs on silver plates and copper. He engraved the plates used to print the first United States paper money.

When the American colonies decided to free themselves from English rule in the mid-1770s, Revere was a strong supporter of the cause. He became one of a group of men who patrolled the streets of Boston to watch the movements of the British forces. On the evening of April 18, 1775, troops were seen marching toward Boston. Revere immediately took off on horseback to warn the American colonists. He rode from Boston to the cities of Lexington and Concord, a distance of about 20 miles. His quick action helped save many lives. Revere served throughout the Revolutionary War, rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the U.S. militia.

After the war, Revere went back to his silversmith trade. He also built a foundry where he made bells and cannons. A foundry is a place where metal is melted and poured into molds to make objects. Then he started a large copper-rolling factory. He was the first person in America to smelt copper ore and to roll copper into sheets. He also built the first gunpowder mill in New England.

Paul Revere was a loyal patriot who did much to help build the United States in its early years. He died in 1818 at age 83.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, a noted poet, praised Revere's famous ride with a poem called "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere."

Name _____

PAUL REVERE

Fill in the blanks. Then find your answers in the word search.

1. Who made a famous ride? _____

2. What was Revere trained as? _____

3. He patrolled the streets of _____ to watch the

    movements of the _____ forces.

4. When Revere saw _____ marching toward the city, he took off on

    _____ to _____ the American colonists.

5. Revere built a _____ to make bells and _____ .

6. Revere was the first person in _____ to roll _____

    into sheets.

7. Revere built the first _____ mill in New England.

8. Henry Wadsworth _____ wrote "The _____

    Ride of Paul Revere."

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Research: A member of the American citizen army at the time of the Revolutionary War was called a minuteman. Find *minuteman* in an encyclopedia or a dictionary. Describe a minuteman.