

Geography and History Activity

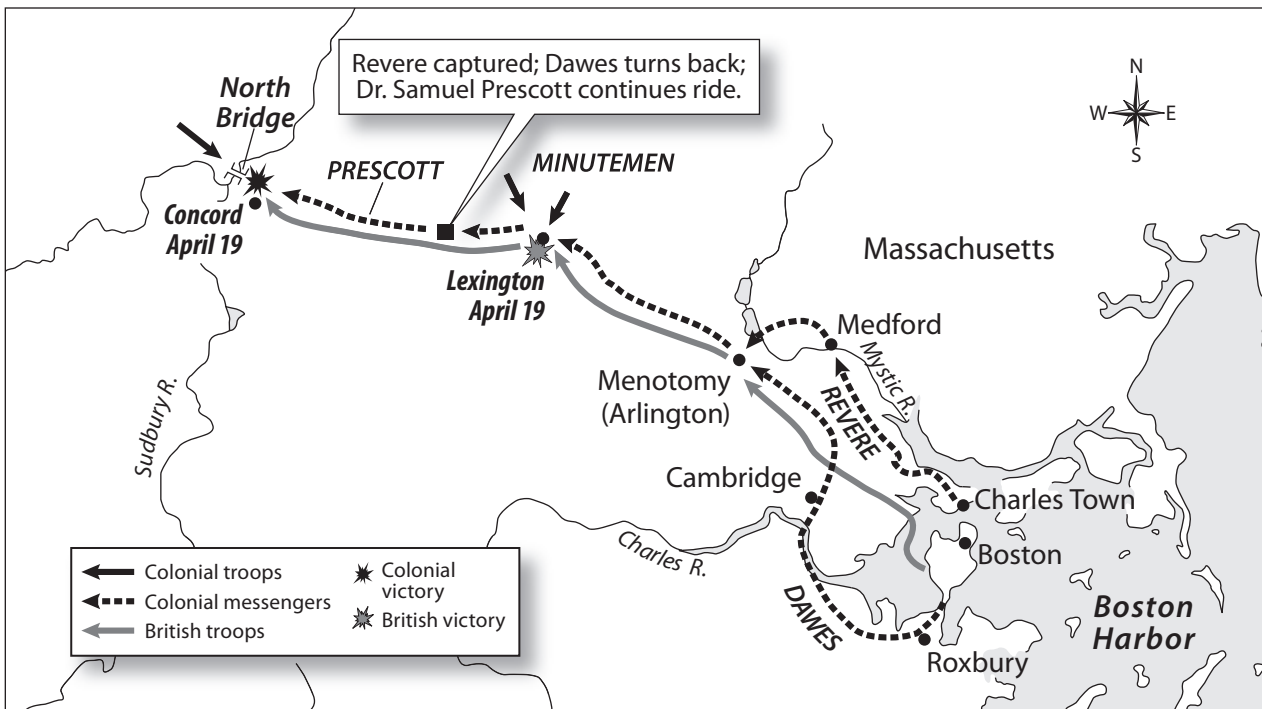


The Spirit of Independence

Lesson 3 A Call to Arms

Understanding Movement: "The British Are Coming!"

During the night of April 18, 1775, British troops prepared to march to Concord. Their mission was to destroy militia supplies and arrest militia leaders there. It seemed like a simple mission, but messengers had warned colonists that the British were on the way. Paul Revere and William Dawes rode to Lexington, a town east of Concord, to spread the news: "The British are coming." So when the redcoats arrived in Lexington, about 70 minutemen were waiting. Though outnumbered, the colonial fighters did the best they could. The British continued on to Concord. Along the way, Revere and Dawes were both detained by British soldiers. Dawes escaped, but did not finish his ride. Other messengers, however, spread the warning. At North Bridge in Concord, the British met their match.



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Understanding the Concept

Directions: Use the map to answer the following questions.

1. **Specifying** The battles of Lexington and Concord took place in the colony of _____ on _____.

2. **Identifying** Which messenger rode farthest south?

3. **Sequencing** Put these cities in the correct order from east to west.

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| Concord | Charles Town | Medford |
| Cambridge | Lexington | Menotomy (Arlington) |

Applying the Concept

4. **Speculating** Why do you think Revere went so far north before getting on the same path as Dawes?

5. **Drawing Conclusions** Do you think the other messengers made it all the way to Concord even though Revere and Dawes could not? Explain.
