











































The Remarkable Cause
A Novel of James Lovell and the Crucible of the Revolution
by Jean C. O'Connor

Study Guide

Ch.		Questions	Topics for Exploration
1.		What motivates James to want to attend Harvard?	The Press (Impressment) Knowles Impressment Riot
4.		How did the people of Boston express their discontent with the Sugar Tax? One aspect of the economic system of mercantilism was that the mother country used the colony's raw materials to benefit the mother country exclusively. What example does James give his father that demonstrates this principle of mercantilism by the British?	The Sugar Tax The Triangle Trade Mercantilism
5.		James's father, Master John Lovell, a Loyalist or Tory, defends the British right to tax its colonies. What is a Loyalist?	Loyalist
6.		How did the people of Boston feel their rights were disregarded by the Stamp Act? How does the crowd take control after the hanging of Andrew Oliver in effigy?	Stamp Act
7.		In what way is the ransacking of Lieutenant Governor Hutchinson's home both an act of protest and a criminal act?	Royal Governors in colonial times
8.		What peaceful response did the public outcry against the Stamp Act create? James refers to the English philosopher John Locke in his discussion with his father. What is the basic right James holds to be important that John Locke asserts?	Stamp Act Congress John Locke
9.		How does James demonstrate kindness to his father, while still disagreeing with him?	Sons of Liberty
10.		What might have caused the destruction of the obelisk at the town's celebration of the repeal of the Stamp Act? What can be predicted from its destruction?	The Obelisk of Paul Revere
11.		How does the assembly of townspeople intend to subvert the purpose of the Townshend Acts?	Townshend Acts
12.		What is Master John Lovell's argument supporting the Townshend Acts? How does James respond? How does the arrival of regiments under Colonel Dalrymple change the town?	Quartering
13.		The will of the crowd prevails in this chapter. What will the shopkeeper Abigail have to do?	
14.		Name two ways that non-importation affects James and his family.	Non-Importation
15.		What causes the death of Christopher Seider?	
16.		How does the Liberty Tree function as a symbol of resistance to British rule in the town of Boston?	Liberty Tree
17.		According to the newspaper that James shares with his boys, what was the cause of the Boston Massacre?	Boston Massacre

		How does the court put the law above prejudice in trying the soldiers accused of firing on citizens?	
18.		What is so important about the Magna Carta?	Magna Carta
20.		What bias is exhibited in Paul Revere's colored engraving, "The Bloody Massacre Perpetrated in King's Street in Boston"?	"The Bloody Massacre Perpetrated in King's Street in Boston"
21.		Based on the evidence, do you think the verdict of manslaughter in the Boston Massacre Trial is reasonable?	The Trial of the Boston Massacre
22.		Explain the punishment given to two of the soldiers. Was it fair?	Colonial era justice
23.		Was there any real danger for James in giving the oration in honor of those who died in the Boston Massacre? Explain. In his speech, James states he hopes the king hears the colonies' appeals for justice and removes unnecessary taxes. He also states his hope that the soldiers leave Boston. Why does James make it clear that his protest is against Parliament, not the king?	Parliament's role in law formation, England
24.		How do the people resolve the problem that Britain requires them to pay a tax on imported tea? What does James tell Mary is unusual about those who participate in the town's meetings?	The Boston Tea Party
25.		Why does James find it remarkable that the shoemaker George Robert Twelves Hewes is able to stir up the crowd against John Malcolm, the customs official? How in this chapter does the law regard the action of the mob against Malcolm?	Tar and Feathering
27.		Why are the British troops marching out of Boston?	Paul Revere
28.		What was the outcome of the first armed conflict in what would become a war?	Lexington and Concord
29.		How are militia able to pester the British at Hog and Noddle's Island? * Click on this 1775 map to find the islands.	Colonial Militia
30.		Why is the seaman Zach willing to help James?	
31.		How can the information Zach gave James help the patriots? Zach is a fictional character. Do you think it likely that some soldiers or sailors in the employ of the British would have helped the Americans? Explain.	
33.		What does James think is the outcome of the British attack on Breed's and Bunker Hills? Who wins the conflict in terms of casualties? How does the conflict show the Americans' strength?	Bunker Hill, Breed's Hill
34.		How did James's sister Elizabeth influence the Battle of Bunker Hill?	Cannon and armaments in Revolutionary War times

35.		How are Elizabeth's actions remembered by the British?	
36.		Why doesn't James protest his arrest more forcefully?	
38.		How were people inoculated against smallpox in colonial times? * Puritan minister Cotton Mather and Harvard physician Zabdiel Boylston first inoculated Bostonians in 1721.	Smallpox
39.		Why, as one accustomed to living under English law, does James find it unbelievable he can be held in jail for weeks with no charge?	Right to Trial by Jury
40.		Why do you think the British might view James's case differently than those of his cellmates, given that they are freed but he is not? * Check out Nathan Hale.	
42.		Where did the cannon come from that the American militia set up on Dorchester Heights?	Henry Knox and Cannon from Fort Ticonderoga
43.		Why did Loyalists such as Master John Lovell decide to leave Boston with General Howe's fleet?	
44.		Why, most likely, did General Howe take his soldiers and Loyalists to Halifax, Nova Scotia? (Hint: What important structure was there?)	The Citadel, Halifax
46.		What part did Ethan Allen play in delivering cannon that had belonged to the British to the American militia?	Fort Ticonderoga
47.		In what way was Ethan Allen's presence helpful to James and the other prisoners?	Scurvy
48.		How does knowledge of the Declaration of Independence strengthen James and the other prisoners?	Declaration of Independence
49.		Describe the situation the loyalists such as James's father would have found themselves in once they arrived in Halifax.	Expatriates
50.		Crossing Staten Island under guard, what does James find out about British control in New York?	British prison ships in New York: <i>Scorpion</i>
51.		Describe James's welcome in Boston.	Lion and Unicorn, Boston State House
52.		Why does James decide to accept Congress's invitation to join them as a member?	Second Continental Congress

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