

April Morning
Chapter 3 "The Night" Assignments (pages 49-78)

On a separate piece of paper, define the following words and answer the following questions. For the vocabulary...if you can figure the meanings out from the text, that's fine, but if not, you will need to look up any that you don't know in a dictionary.

Vocabulary to Define:

impertinence (52)	disdain (54)	temporal (63)	tirade (76)
anathema (52)	muster (61)	deference (64)	
prudent (53)	incumbent (61)	salient (69)	
interdicted (54)	vicinity (61)	sedate (71)	

Questions to Answer (in complete sentences!):

1. What does Adam tell his brother Levi is the reason for his dreams and nightmares?
2. Why does the coming of the night rider cause such excitement in the town?
3. Why is the British army headed to Concord?
4. After the rider leaves, what are the four main opinions that emerge about what they should do?
5. What argument does Moses Cooper use against the Reverend? Does it work?
6. What is Adam's reaction to his father's heroic speech?
7. Why does Adam pray before going to sign the "muster book"? Of what is he so afraid?
8. What special meaning is behind Moses' decision to allow his son to sign the muster book?
9. What is Sarah Cooper's reaction to the events of the evening? How does she feel about Adam's decision to sign the muster book?
10. Why is Ruth Simmons frightened? Is Adam frightened? What does he say in reaction to her fears and concerns?

Personal Response: After signing the muster book and joining the militia, Adam says, "I don't feel like a boy any more." (page 71) Write a paragraph in which you explain why Adam feels this way. Predict some significant events in your own life that might happen in the future which might make you feel the same way. At what age do you expect to experience these events?