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Literary Elements • Setting and Theme

Directions Read the article. Then answer the questions below.

Patrick Henry was one of the many interesting characters in the American Revolution. He provided us with one of the great sayings in American history. As a young man, he tried and failed at being a farmer and shopkeeper. He eventually educated himself and became a lawyer. Patrick Henry became a famous activist in the fight against British control of the

colonies. He spoke out against English rule early and often. He urged fellow colonists to revolt. He challenged the British over their restrictions upon American liberty. In 1775, at a meeting of colonial leaders, he spoke his most famous line: “I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death.” This was the theme of his adult life.

1. When and where did Patrick Henry live?

2. How do you know Patrick Henry was outspoken?

3. How did Patrick Henry feel about British rule of the colonies?

4. Why do you think Patrick Henry said, “Give me liberty or give me death”?

5. On a separate sheet of paper, describe something you feel so strongly about that you would say something like what Patrick Henry said.



Home Activity Your child read a short passage and answered questions about setting and theme. Discuss the setting of one of your child’s favorite places. Ask your child: What does it look like? What do you see there?