

Question types: extended answer

Read the text and then answer the questions. This poem is about the American War of Independence. The speaker is an American, Paul Revere.

He said to his friend, "If the British march
By land or sea from the town to-night,
Hang a lantern aloft in the belfry arch
Of the North Church tower as a signal light,—
One if by land, and two if by sea;
And I on the opposite shore will be,
Ready to ride and spread the alarm
Through every Middlesex village and farm,
For the country folk to be up and to arm."

*From 'Paul Revere's Ride'
by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*



1. Give **one** reason why a warning signal was needed.

2. Where was the lantern to be held aloft?

3. How would the writer know if the British were coming by land or by sea?

4. Give **two** reasons why the writer was ready to *spread the alarm*.

1. _____

2. _____