



# Junior Ranger Booklet

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Minute Man National Historical Park



## Junior Ranger Code



As a Junior Ranger, I promise to:

Explore other National Parks.

Collect litter while I'm out exploring.

Continue learning about our country's natural and cultural history.

Respect natural and historic treasures by not touching or disturbing them.

Enjoy my National Parks!

# Introduction: How to Use this Guide

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To become a Junior Ranger at Minute Man, you will be investigating many different places in the Park as you do the activities in this booklet with your family and friends.

We recommend that you start with the orientation show at the Minute Man Visitor Center at the *eastern* end of the park. However, if you have obtained this Junior Ranger Guide at the North Bridge Visitor Center at the *western* end, it is also okay to start there and work your way east. Be sure to pick up a park map to help guide you.

Please note that it takes *at least four hours* to complete all of the activities in this booklet. This includes hiking from Brooks Hill to the Hartwell Historical Area. In order to be certified, you must complete all of the activities. There is one exception: If The Wayside is closed on the day of your visit, you may leave that section unfinished.

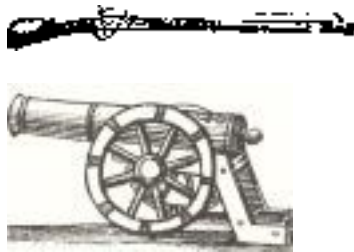
There are things to do at seven different sites in the Park. When you finish your booklet, see a Ranger at Minute Man Visitor Center or in the North Bridge/North Bridge Visitor Center area, who will fill out your certificate and give you a special Junior Ranger Badge. Congratulations!

Participating in the Junior Ranger program is a great way to learn about our National Parks and to have fun. Ask about Junior Ranger programs in all the National Parks you visit!

# Minute Man National Historical Park Scavenger Hunt

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As you visit the park, look for the following items and places. Circle each one as you find them!



**A Musket &  
a Cannon**



**Minute Man  
Statue**



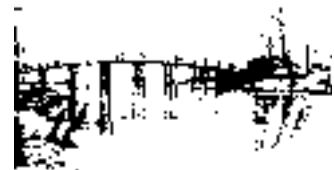
**NPS  
Arrowhead**



**The Wayside**



**Hartwell  
Tavern**



**North  
Bridge**



**Historic  
Trails**



**Doolittle  
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**Stores of  
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# Minute Man Visitor Center

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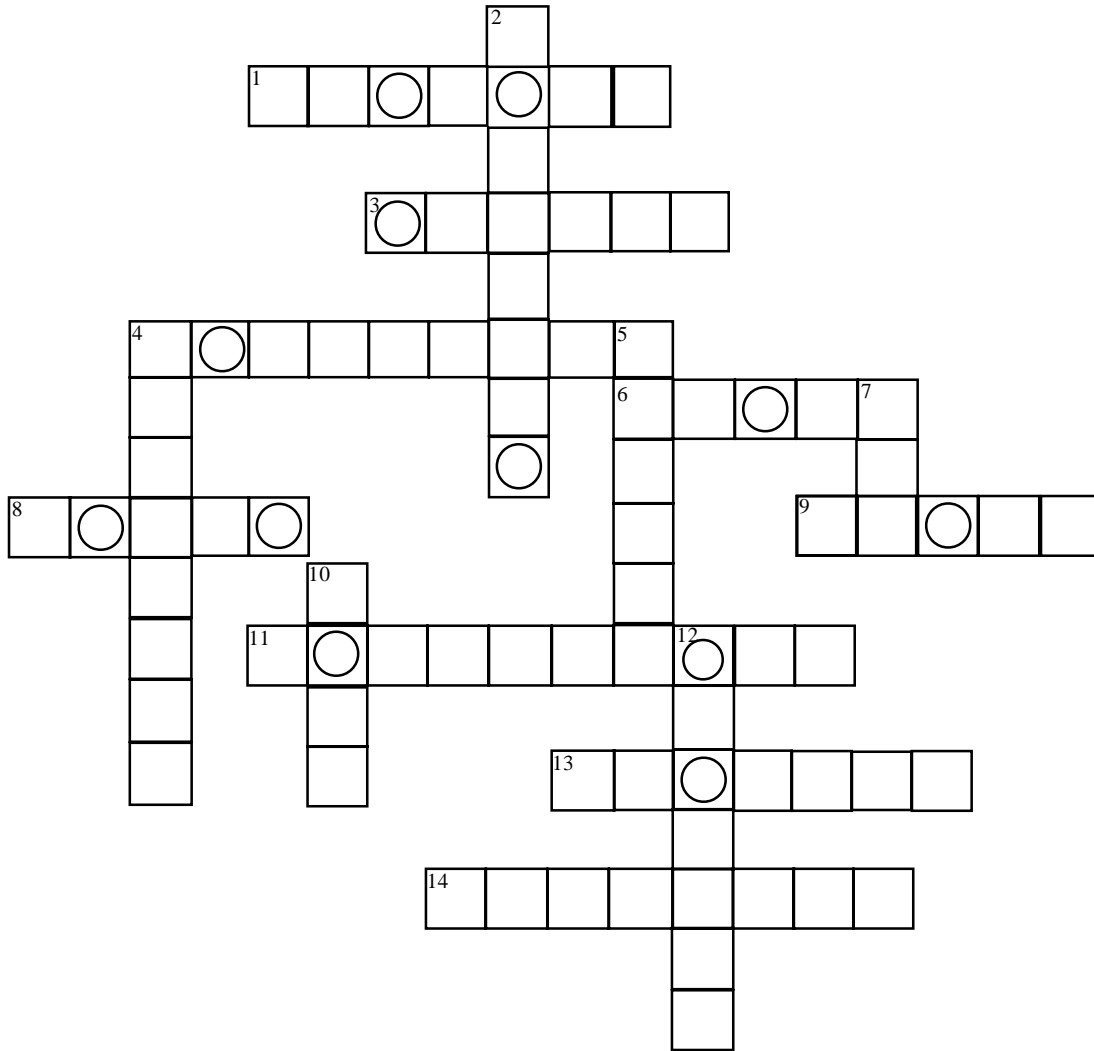
After viewing the exhibits and watching the multi-media program, please answer the following questions:

1. Which officer did General Thomas Gage place in command of the British troops marching to Concord?
2. How many British Soldiers marched to Concord?
3. Of the three British officers shown in the exhibit, which one commanded the reinforcements ?
4. Which American alarm rider brought the word to the Village of Concord that the Regulars were out?
5. Of the surrounding towns which responded to the Lexington/Concord alarm, which two towns came the farthest?
6. Of the three American figures, who - when he saw smoke rising over Concord - shouted, "*Will you let them burn the town down?*"
7. Look at the mural overhead. This depicts the fighting which occurred along the Battle Road when the British Regulars were marching back to Boston. Can you identify the following soldiers?
  - a. *I am running up the hill, sniping at the Colonial militia companies.*
  - b. *I am trained to be ready at a moment's notice.*
  - c. *I am trained to throw grenades, and wear a tall, bearskin cap.*

# Paul Revere Capture Site

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## PAUL REVERE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### Across

1. Paul Revere was a member of the sons of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Paul Revere's home town.
4. The soldiers were looking for \_\_\_\_\_ hidden by the people of Concord.
6. One of the two men Revere was sent to Lexington to warn.
8. First name of the famous American poet who wrote about Paul Revere.
9. Another rider that night was named William \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Last name of 8 across.
13. One of the two men Revere was sent to Lexington to warn.
14. British soldiers were often called \_\_\_\_\_ because of the color of their coats.

### Down

2. Last name of the doctor who carried the warning to Concord.
4. "Listen my children, and you shall hear, Of the \_\_\_\_\_ ride of Paul Revere."
5. First name of 2 down.
7. "One if by land; two if by \_\_\_\_\_."
10. First name of 13 across.
12. Town where Paul Revere was captured.

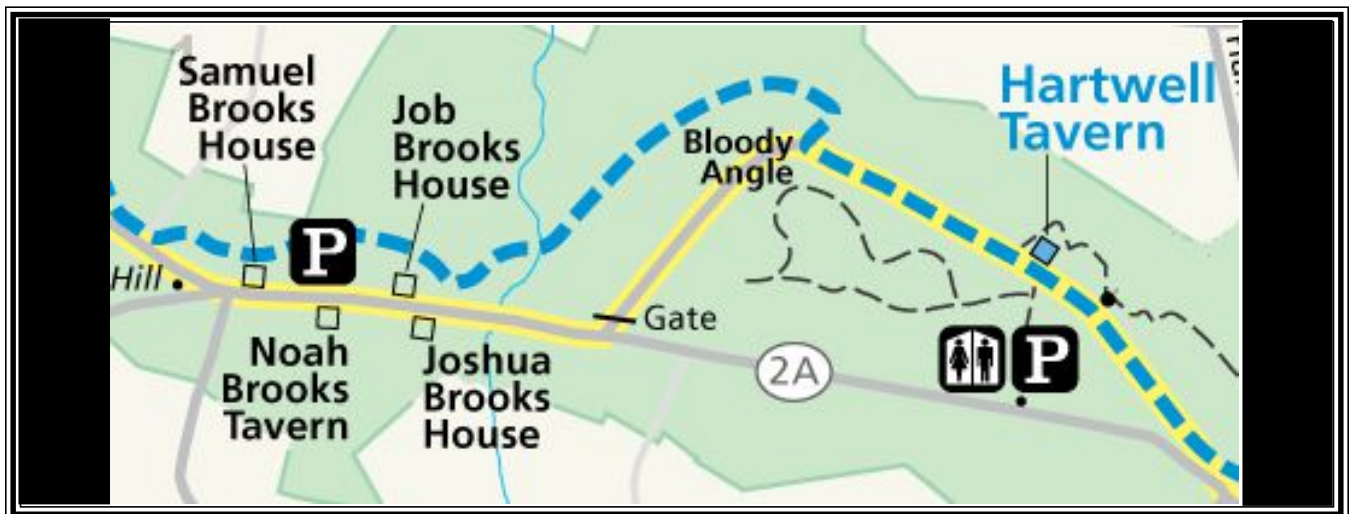
BONUS: Unscramble the circled letters to reveal the name (according to legend) of Paul Revere's horse. *\*Hint\* One of the words is a color.*

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# Brooks' Hill: A Walk Through the Past



As the British soldiers returned to Boston on April 19, 1775, the minute men fired upon them. The Brooks' Hill area is a short but exciting portion of the Battle Road Trail which roughly follows the route taken by the minute men as they raced ahead to ambush the British soldiers. Leave your car and the 21st century behind as you pretend to be a minute man chasing the British soldiers! This walk is a total of 1 mile (1/2 mile to Hartwell Tavern and 1/2 mile back). You will travel over boardwalks and be going up and down hill.



After parking your car in the Brooks Hill Lot, read the following paragraph. It will help to set the mood:

*It's a bright, cool spring day. Imagine that you are a member of the Reading Minute Men. Young Edmund Foster, home from school at Yale, is marching with you. The musket you carry weighs ten pounds, but it's getting heavier with each step you take; the leather straps of your cartridge (ammunition) box dig into your right shoulder. Your company is chasing the British column in the road. Ahead, you notice the road turning north, then east again. If you hurry, you will be able to get there ahead of the Redcoats, perhaps by crossing over the meadow.*

Start your walk now. The trail will proceed to the right down the hill, and over a boardwalk across the wetland. Be sure to look at the exhibit panels along the trail for clues to the following questions.

**Trades along the Battle Road**

The Brooks family operated a \_\_\_\_\_ for tanning leather hides.

**Historic Hay Meadow**

In 1775, the minute men ran across this field. Could people easily do this today? yes / no

Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

**Just before you start uphill again, stop and read the next paragraph.**

*Imagine a long line of British troops on the road to your right. What's that noise? Musket shots! There are British soldiers in the fields coming at you! Not too much cover here. Best not to be caught in the open with no place to hide. Quickly, you make a run for the woods up ahead. Arriving just in time to meet the British, you point your musket and fire - A loud boom! - And a puff of smoke. It's hard to hide when the musket smoke gives you away. No time to catch your breath. Keep moving!*

**Bloody Angle**

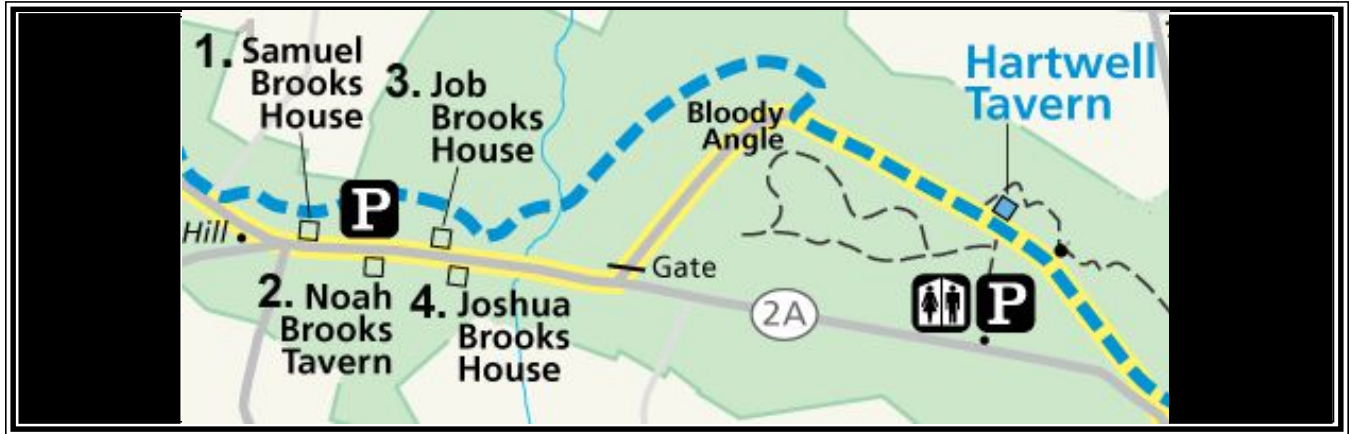
**Look at the road and the surrounding area. Why do you think this would be a good place for an ambush?**

**Continue walking on the trail, which now follows the old Bay Road.**

*Soon you are out of the woods. There is too little cover here so everyone races away from the road to escape the British flankers that are moving out toward you. Up the road, you come to the Hartwell Tavern. You stop to rest, tired from the excitement and the miles that you have marched today.*

**Continue with the Junior Ranger activities at Hartwell Tavern and the Samuel Hartwell House Site. As you return to your car, think about what you might have felt like that day if you had marched with Edmund Foster over these same fields.**

# Historic Neighborhood



1. Samuel Brooks House, 1692



3. Job Brooks House, 1740



2. Noah Brooks Tavern, 1798



4. Joshua Brooks House, 1780



These are the four historic houses you may have noticed during your walk. They once belonged to the Brooks family who lived in this area for over 200 years! Two of them, the Samuel Brooks house and the Job Brooks house, were here at the time of the battle in 1775. They are what we call "Witness houses" because they, and the people who lived in them, "witnessed" the first battle of the American Revolution.



# Hartwell Tavern

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Hartwell Tavern sits along the old "Bay" Road. In the 1700's this was a major highway between Boston and "the lakes" of northern New York.



Imagine you are traveling to Boston in 1775 and it's getting dark. Ahead, you see lights and hear the inviting sounds of music and laughter. Noticing the sign out front, you discover that this house is a tavern!

Look around you for clues to answer the following questions:

- From here, how many miles is it to Boston?\_\_\_\_\_.

- In the 1700's traveling at night was dangerous. Why?

- In 1775, guests would be drinking \_\_\_\_\_, made from the apple orchard beside the tavern.

- Besides food, drink and a place to sleep, why else would you want to visit a tavern in 1775?

If you meet any characters from 1775 (people wearing 18th Century clothing), ask them these questions:

1. Who are you dressed like?

2. What did you see or do on April 19, 1775?

3. Why was April 19, 1775 important?

*18th Century Autographs*



# The Wayside: Home of Authors

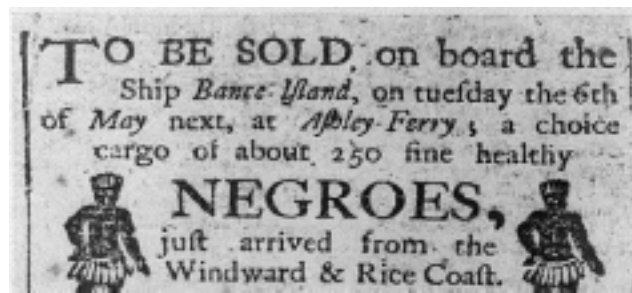
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Many famous authors lived at the Wayside House, including Louisa May Alcott, Nathaniel Hawthorne, and Margaret Sidney. Walk around the house, and see if you can find Hawthorne's Tower on the back. Hawthorne called the writing room at the top his "sky parlor." Louisa liked to write either outside or in her room. Margaret Sidney wrote in the downstairs parlor. Where would you write if you were an author who lived here? \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: If the Wayside Barn is open, go in and see the free exhibits, and talk to the Ranger to find the other answers on these pages.

## Conflicting Views, Conflicting Times: Slavery and The Wayside



The owners of the Wayside have had many different opinions about slavery in America. Some who lived at the Wayside owned slaves, while others opposed slavery. Slavery was outlawed in Massachusetts during the 1790s. In the 1770s, Samuel Whitney and his family lived at the Wayside.

In 1771 the Concord Tax Record mentions that Samuel Whitney owned such things as:

- One house
- One Horse
- Four oxen

Samuel Whitney also owned slaves. According to the exhibits in the Wayside barn, how many slaves did Samuel Whitney own? \_\_\_\_\_

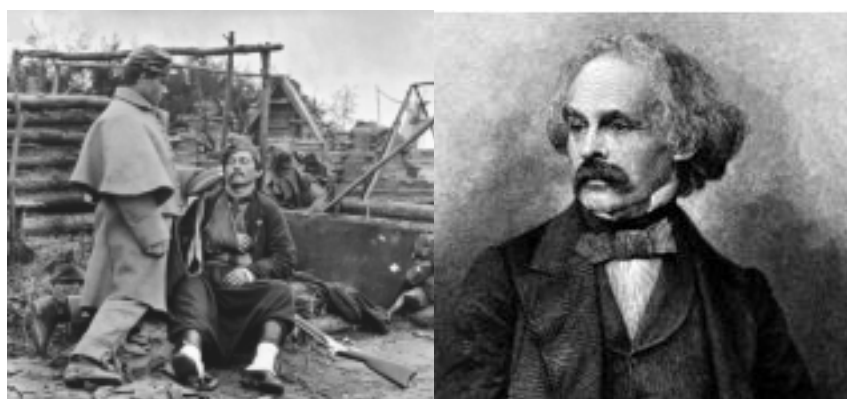
Others who lived in the Wayside actively opposed slavery. The Alcott family lived in the Wayside from 1845 until 1852. The Alcotts were strong abolitionists; they did not support slavery and worked to free the slaves. While slavery was illegal in Massachusetts at that time, many people were still enslaved in the American south.

According to the exhibits in the Wayside Barn, how did the Alcott family help slaves here at the Wayside?

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The writer Nathaniel Hawthorne also lived at the Wayside. He lived during the American Civil War. The Civil War helped free slaves in America. Hawthorne also did not like slavery, but also did not like to see Americans die in war.

According to the exhibits in the Wayside Barn, what did Nathaniel Hawthorne do to better understand the American Civil War?

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**One person CAN make a difference!**  
**The preservation efforts of Harriett Lothrop**  
**(Mrs. Lothrop's pen name was "Margaret Sidney")**

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In addition to writing children's books, Harriett Lothrop also saved many of the most famous homes in Concord. Here is a list of some of Concord's most famous sites. Can you circle the ones Harriett saved?

The Old Manse

Public Library

Bullet Hole House

The Wayside

Orchard House

Walden Pond

Emerson House

Grapevine Cottage

DAR Chapter House



For answers, see the exhibits in the Wayside Barn and/or talk to a Ranger.

# Colonial Word Search Game

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Look for the following words:  
*musket, sword, haversack, grenadier,*  
*infantry, tricorn, bridge.*

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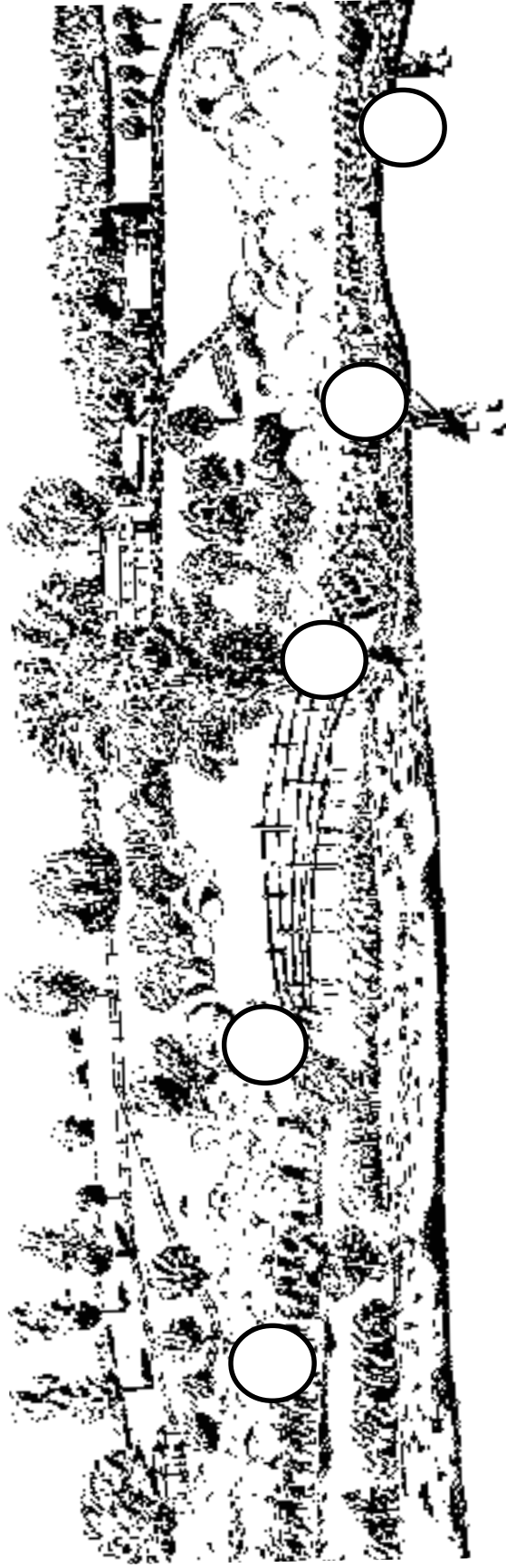
# The North Bridge Area

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Look at the North Bridge Battlefield today and compare it to the 1775 Doolittle Engraving below. Based on what you see, find the locations of the following...

1. Position of the minute men during the battle
2. Position of the British during the battle
3. The Minute Man Statue
4. The 1836 monument
5. Grave of British Soldiers

Write the number in the appropriate circle. Good luck!



# North Bridge Visitor Center Exhibits

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At The North Bridge Visitor Center, look at the statues dressed as a Colonial Militia Man and a British Soldier. In many ways they are dressed very differently. But each also has some of the same clothing and equipment. List three things that are different and three things that are the same:

## DIFFERENT

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

## SAME:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.





Now that you have  
finished this  
Guide...

Bring the completed  
Guide to the Ranger  
at the North Bridge  
or Minute Man  
Visitor Center.

He or she will look  
over the work that you  
have done, give you a  
certificate and record  
that you are now a  
Junior Ranger at  
Minute Man National  
Historical Park!

Welcome aboard!