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Johnny Tremain
Part VI “Salt-Water Tea” Homework Activity

1. As the protest over the tea begins, many people outside of Boston cannot understand the protest over the tea. They think, “Wouldn’t they care more about their pocketbooks than their principles?”(105).

By expanding the definition of pocketbooks to mean the colonists financial well-being and ability to get by, consider the following questions.

Do you think the colonists are right to take a stand over the tea tax? Explain your reasoning.

Discuss a principle or something you strongly believe in. Can you think of a situation in which you would go against that principle? Describe the scenario in which you might compromise on your principles.

2. Johnny strongly desires to participate in the tea party, but he is frightened that his hand will prevent him from chopping open the tea chests. Rab tells him that, “You’ve twenty days to practice in. Logs in the back yard need splitting”(119). Rab’s advice is similar to the way he simply gives Johnny papers he needs to write on to teach him to use his hand again.

What are the strengths and weaknesses of the way Rab is teaching Johnny to overcome his injured hand?

Strengths	Weaknesses

If you were Johnny, would you find Rab’s method of teaching helpful or not? Explain why.