LYDIA and JAMES went on the adventure of a lifetime as they time-traveled back to the year 1778 with the aid of a MAGICAL QUILL PEN. Finding themselves at an encampment in VALLEY FORGE, they teamed up with none other than GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON. Their mission was to foil a plot to kidnap the good GENERAL and to uncover the enemy lurking in their midst. Through a keen eye and the power of observation, JAMES and LYDIA successfully completed their mission.

Upon returning home, JAMES had plenty of information for his school report, and LYDIA had enough inspiration to fill a hundred sketchbooks. We join them now as JAMES is finishing his report, the adventure over... or is it?
THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, James. Well done.

I think you may have inspired the class a bit with your report.

GOSH!

A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE GIVES TOURS AT HOPE LODGE. GENERAL Washington himself was enchanted not too far from there.

WITH OUR FIELD TRIP TOMORROW, WE JUST MIGHT BE ABLE TO EMBRACE OUR DESTINATION.

BUT KEEPING WITH THE THEME OF DEMOCRACY, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD PUT IT TO A VOTE.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF VISITING THE HOPE LODGE AND CONTINUING OUR DISCUSSION ABOUT GENERAL Washington...

PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOING TO HOPE LODGE.

I'LL CALL MY FRIEND AND MAKE THE ARRANGEMENTS.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF MOVING TO THE OBSERVATORY...

PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

HOW ABOUT YOU AND ME CHAT ABOUT SPOOKY STUFF SIF CUZ?
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, SPY BOY!

YOU SEEMED QUITE HAPPY WITH YOURSELF BACK THERE.

I GAVE A BONE TO PICK WITH YOU.

WH-WHAT DID I DO?

WHAH! HAW! HAW!

SOME OF US WANTED TO GO TO THE OBSERVATORY TONIGHT.

NOW WE GOT TO GO TO SOME BORING LOOKS AND OBVIOUSLY THERE IS A LOT ABOUT YOUR GIRL BUDDY GEORGE.

HE IS MY BUDDY, HE GAVE ME A PENCIL.

WHAT DID YOU SAY, SPY BOY?

I SAW YOU TALKING WITH... MR. GEORGE WASHINGTON...?!?

HAW! HAW! HAW!

HAHAHA!

SPY BOY, MORE PEOPLE HE'S FRIENDS WITH SOME 200 YEAR OLD DEAD DUDE!

HAW! HAW! HAW!

WHAH! HAW! HAW!

THAT'S ONE MORE FRIEND THAN YOU HAVE!

OH... I HEARD YOU ALRIGHT... I JUST WANTED EVERYONE ELSE TO HEAR MY LAST WORDS!

CRACK...

WHAT DID YOU SAY, SPY BOY??

YOU HEARD ME!
Gah!!!

Hold it right there, big guy!

Where do you get the nerve?

Why don’t you pick on someone your own size?

Like me!

Good job, Hardy. We’re done here.

C’mon, James!

Ha ha ha ha.

See you tomorrow, spy boy!

Great meeting your bodyguards!

Moments later...

Your ability to make friends never ceases to amaze me.

Well, your ability to embarrass me never ceases to amaze me.

Shame.

Um, I just saved your butt.

Your mom is not impressed.

Great mom.

Just great...

Hey, kids? How was school today? How’d you do on the report boy?

Hey, Mom?

How was school today?

Mom says I’m not exactly brainwashing in friends at the moment.

Just turn on the charm and you’ll be your bestie.

C’mon it won’t be that bad.

Yeah, right.

If you haven’t noticed, I’m not exactly brainwashing in friends at the moment.

You know what Washington said—“Information is my, not the sword or the musket.”

What I wouldn’t give for a sword.

Hey! Please don’t talk like that.

Chin up!

Let me know if I can do anything to help.

Thank you but no thanks!

You helped me enough for one day.

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Okay, first off, it’s not the sky I want to look at...

It’s the stars, planets, and the whole bunch more.

And second, it’s light that’s traveling, and passing.

Way, what?

Listen, it takes about eight minutes for the light to travel to Earth.
MOLLY RINKER, NICKNAMED “MOM RINKER,” ALLEGEDLY PERCEIVED RICHELIEU AS A BLOQ OVERLOOKING THE VALLEY TO DROP BALLS OF YARN… WHICH CONTAINED MESSAGES ABOUT BRITISH TROOP MOVEMENTS DURING THE OCCUPATION OF PHILADELPHIA.

WASHINGTON'S ENCAMPMENT: ????

OKAY, JUST OVER THIS WAY.

WHAT A MINUTE, SHE LOOKS KINDA FAMILIAR!

I REALLY HOPE JAMIE IS OKAY!
**Lieutenant! Night Approaches.**

Tell the men they may light fires for warmth; they are to be small and few. We do not want to advertise our position to the enemy to be sure.

**General, if you will.**

Light as many fires as you can. The more the merrier; the brighter the better.

**Lieutenant!**

I do say, young man—

You heard Master James.

**Lieutenant**...

...belay that order. Instead, I would like you to do the following...

**Ah, Master James, I do appreciate your sentiment, but alas, time is not on our side this day.**

Perhaps victory is not in our hands for us.

*Along the waterfront I would like you to start enough fires for several battalions to stay warm.*

**Choose your locations wisely and make sure they are far enough apart to appear as if these battalions are spread out in large encampments.**

*Leave a soldier at each fire to keep it burning throughout the night and to stop it when necessary.*

**And Lieutenant, be sure to tell the men this—**

*They are not just lighting fires, they are stoking the flames of revolution.*

**Oye! Look at that!**

Reinforcements? Send word to General. Home at once. We’ll not be advancing tomorrow for sure.

*Go now and make haste. The tides shift!*

**General, if you will.**

We have all but retreated to this encampment. We are low on supplies, soldiers and morale.

Should this go unchaired, I fear that it is just before the end.

*Perhaps victory is not in our hands for us.*
I CAME HERE LOOKING FOR YOU! YOU IDIOT! YOU STOLE THE PEN AND WENT OFF SO ID KNEW WHERE!
I WAS WORKING SICK!

Oww!
I KNOW! I KNOW! I'M SORRY!

I WAS A REAL JERK TO YOU AND YOUR BROTHER, APOLOGIES.

YEAH, WELL, MY BROTHER CAN BE A REAL JERK SOMETIMES, TOO.

HELL, I'M ALEXANDRO, YEAH! I'M SOMETIMES ELSE.

WELL, EVERYONE JUST LOVES PUNCHING ME IN THE SAME PLACE ALL THE TIME. YEEH!

YOU IDIOT! YOU STOLE THE PEN AND WENT OFF SO I MIGHT KNOW WHERE!

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Oww!
I KNOW! I'LL DO ANYTHING TO HELP!

I'M SORRY, BUT I REALLY NEED THIS PEN.

YOU THINK WHAT SPIT IT OUT ALREADY? IT WAS PRETTY SMART THE FIRST Go-Round AND You TOLD Me THAT You WERE WORTH A SHOT.

WELL ACTUALLY, I SAW WHAT YOU SAID THE LAST TIME WE MET HAH.

I THOUGHT YOU SUGGESTED THE FIRST Go-Round AND You TOLD Me THAT You WERE WORTH A SHOT.

YOU THINK WHAT SPIT IT OUT ALREADY? IT WAS PRETTY SMART THE FIRST Go-Round AND You TOLD Me THAT You WERE WORTH A SHOT.

YEAH, TELL HER ABOUT THE STORY, AND THE PRICE I'LL PAY FOR EVERYTHING...

AND AS FOR SAVING THE DAY... WELL... WE CAN...

Umm... I think we did...

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I THINK HE DID...

...THAT...

I THINK WE SHOULD BE LEAVING NOW!

THE RETURN TRIP BACK TO SCHOOL...

SLEEPS AT COSMOS’ SOUNDS SIR...

NOT AT ALL...

HEH... WHAT DID YOU SAY?

OH, HEY! WHAT? WHAT A MISS!!!

THE BUS RIDE HOME...

THE TIME FOR ME TO EXPLORE A LITTLE HERSTORY...
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