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Story 18

Part 3 of 5

“Washington’s Lost Treasure”

Part 3 of 5: Friday, August 30, 1776

Directions

1. Read the story
2. Find the five errors
3. Mark the errors using the key

Friday, August 30, 1776

Righting is difficult at present, as my hands have been shaking for many hours. I am currently seated in the parlor of General Washington’s headquarters on the Broad Way. The room is dark, apart from a single candle, and empty, apart from me. The British have attacked on Long Island and they have beaten us badly. But we have escaped. It is morning now and I have spent the night ferrying troops ammunion, and supplies in retreat across the East River to Manhattan. I must have paddled thirty times across, and on my final trip I carried General Washington. “You have rowed with great distinction,” he told me upon landing in Manhattan. “Come with me to the Kennedy Mansion. And please hurry. General Howe are likely in close pursuit.”

In the parlor of the manshon, just a few minutes ago, General Washington presented two large chests filled with golden coins. “This is the largest collection of colonial gold in the city of New York,” he said. “We have only narrowly escaped Long Island. The british will surely take the city. We must keep this gold out of British hands. You have proven your merit as a waterman. You must transport the gold.”

“Where, sir?” I asked.

“South,” he replied. “New Jersey. Along the ocean. Hide it somewhere there. The fog is heavy still. Your chance of escaping New York unharmed will be greatest if you leave at once.”

Now I must prepare my boat. Pray I escape the British and deliver General Washington’s treasure to safety.

Thomas

Key

- Spelling error
- Add punctuation
- Capitalize letter
- Remove word
- Wrong word
- Move word
- Make letter lower case

Checklist

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Question

Why did General Washington choose Thomas for his special mission?