

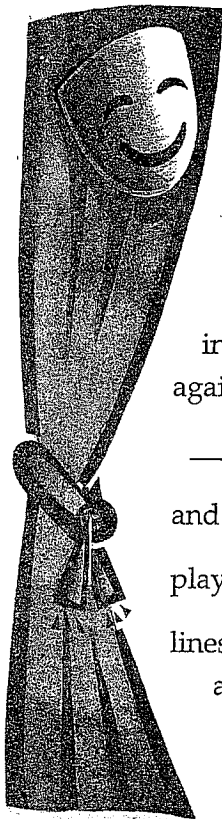
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Name _____

Complete the story below by writing a word from the box in each blank space. Then write the letter for the correct definition on the line before each word.

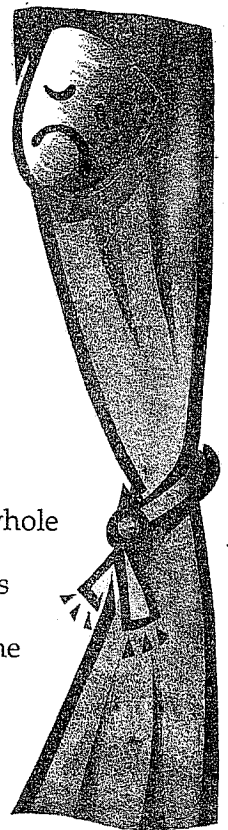
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| _____ | 1. demurely |
| _____ | 2. enthralled |
| _____ | 3. foray |
| _____ | 4. grievance |
| _____ | 5. outlandish |
| _____ | 6. shiftless |
| _____ | 7. skulk |
| _____ | 8. stalwart |

- a. courageous
- b. real or imagined wrong
- c. modestly, shyly
- d. lazy
- e. move in a sneaky way
- f. spellbound, fascinated
- g. raid or expedition
- h. strange or unfamiliar



It was the night of the big event. Mr. Potter's class was performing an original play about the daring _____ that went down in history as the Boston Tea Party and the _____ colonists who bravely took up the cause of liberty.

A prologue, read _____ by one of the shyest girls in the class, explained the _____ that the colonists had against the British. Once the actors strode onto stage in their _____ costumes and bizarre makeup, the audience was _____ and _____ did not make a sound. The only flaw in the whole play was caused by a _____ boy who had not learned his lines and began to _____ off of the stage. Nevertheless, the audience gave the performance a standing ovation.



••• JAMES FORTEN •••

Name _____

A. Complete the story by writing a word from the box on each line.

- a. dexterity b. languished c. proceeds d. relented
e. tacking f. tentative g. single-handedly

The *Blue Fin* was a private fishing vessel until the outbreak of the Revolutionary War. Its crewmembers wished for little more from life than to fish the Atlantic seawaters and use the _____ from their catch to support their families. When heavy winds damaged a sail or net, a crewmember would make repairs _____. Such repairs required _____ and strength, but the crew enjoyed the feeling of self-sufficiency.

With the outbreak of the war, the captain was issued a "letter of marque" allowing his ship to engage British vessels in battle as a privateer. From the beginning, the support of the crew was _____. Many had sympathy for the colonists' cause, but they had not signed onto the *Blue Fin* to fight. After several half-hearted battles, many injured crewmembers _____ in the ship's hold. There was little hope that they would see their families soon. Finally, one bleak afternoon, as the *Blue Fin* was _____ back to shore after suffering many losses, the captain _____. The *Blue Fin* would no longer be a privateer.

B. Write the correct letter on the line before each definition.

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| _____ 1. skill in using the hands or body | _____ 4. weakened from restless longing |
| _____ 2. became more compassionate or less severe | _____ 5. profit obtained |
| _____ 3. maneuvering a ship against the wind by a series of zigzag turns | _____ 6. without assistance |
| | _____ 7. not firm; subject to change |