**Chapter 53**

1. Curzon awakens because he hears a tapping and thinks it is a woodpecker. However, it is Isabel knocking on the door.

2. Gideon was actually a spy for the British.

3. Curzon tells Isabel that he does not want the British to win. He also asks her if she knows how much information Gideon revealed.

4. Isabel came back because her “ghosts” were not with her. She often had the presence of positive “ghost” when doing something right. Without that positive feeling, she foreshadowed disaster and returned. Her ghosts wanted her to stay with Curzon.

5. This excerpt shows symbolism. The sky brightening is the mood brightening as Curzon decides to reveal his secret. It also does foreshadow that Curzon is ready to admit his love for Isabel.

6. Curzon reveals the secret story behind his name. Isabel kisses him.

**Chapter 54**

1. The war is speeding up because the French have joined in the alliance. Also, Howe’s replacement has arrived.

**Chapter 55**

1. Missus Cook shows self-respect and gumption. After hearing disparaging remarks about her cooking, Missus Cook carefully pins a clean apron on and walks into the dining room without knocking. Then she states, “The girl and the boy and me are doing the work of ten folk and cannot do the work of eleven, Any gentleman not satisfied with the condition of the crockery or the taste of his grub is welcome to pitch in and help. Are there any complaints about the pudding?” Missus Cook is sassy and will not tolerate disrespect or lack of appreciation. This shows gumption and that Missus Cook is bold and will stand up for herself.

2. Curzon is delighted to see Bellingham with dark circles under his eyes and piles of endless work to do.

3. Curzon tricks Bellingham by offering to bathe him in the kitchen. Curzon lies and tries to make his gesture one of sympathy and helpfulness seeing as Bellingham is so exhausted.

4. While Bellingham is preoccupied, Curzon makes a mold of the key for Isabel’s collar.
Chapter 56

1. His Excellency is General George Washington.

2. The men honor General Washington with cannons saluting and the army marching in unison in new clothes.

3. Ebenezer and the men honor Curzon by getting into formation and leaving a spot for Curzon. Greenlaw says, “This company will always hold a space for you, Private Smith.” This shows their loyalty to Curzon.

Chapter 57

1. Missus Cook leaves with her son to help the wife of one of her grandsons, Lucille, deliver a child. The child will be Mattie (The book, Fever, 1793, that we read in the spring will be about her.)

2. Curzon and Isabel plant the key in sand and melt musketballs to create melted metal. They pour the melted metal into the mold hoping it will dry and form the key.

Chapter 58

1. Isabel reacts with a mask of indifference, meaning a blank expression that shows no concern in one way or the other. Curzon is surprised by this because Isabel hears that Mrs. Greene no longer plans to buy her, thereby making the plan to get the collar off impossible.

2. Marquis de Lafayette comes to the house and informs all that General Washington has given him a brigade to run, and that the army will march off tomorrow. This makes Curzon nervous because he only has until tomorrow for his plan to work.

Chapter 59

1. At the end of the chapter, Curzon discovers that the mold did not work. They do not have a key.

2. This quote relates to Curzon and Isabel’s plot, or plan, to escape. It is talking about the feeling of anxiety one has right before doing something risky or daring.
Chapter 60

1. One note is a forgery saying that headquarters requested the presence of Bellingham and the others before eight o'clock. The second note is to tell that Gideon gave information to the British.

2. Isabel's comment is verbally ironic because she uses the word “turn.” They are trying to turn their luck around just as they are trying to figure out a way to turn a key to unlock the collar. This is verbal irony and the phrase “our luck will turn” is also an idiom. *add this to your notebook in both spots.

3. Curzon prepares for the journey by changing clothes, securing money, and making sure the house is in order and food is packed.

4. At the end of the chapter, Bellingham opens the door pointing a pistol at Isabel.

Chapter 61

1. Curzon acts nobly by telling Isabel to run and staying to confront Bellingham.

2. Curzon describes Bellingham’s hand because it shows that Bellingham has never worked in his life. Curzon is angered by this, but it also makes him realize that Bellingham is ignorant and does not know how to do things, such as load a gun. Curzon realizes this because there is no gunpowder residue.

3. Curzon notices how clean Bellingham’s breeches are and how clean his teeth are. In order to rip open a gunpowder cartridge, most do so with their teeth. On page 275 Curzon notices, “there were no black specks on his lips or between his teeth” and on 276 he states, “the pinkness of his hands and the cleanliness of his breeches and his cuffs and his teeth all bespoke one thing to me.” This leads Curzon to know that he has the upper hand against Bellingham.

4. At the end of the chapter, Bellingham hits Curzon. However, just in time, Isabel returns and smashes a shovel against Bellingham’s head, knocking him out. They take the they, and unlock the collar.

Chapter 62

1. Curzon and Isabel tie up Bellingham and leave him in the barn. Then, they find Eben, and Greenlaw allows the two of them to sneak into the brigade without flinching. He seems ready for this to happen. They leave Valley Forge in the army with Isabel disguised as a soldier.