



The Massachusetts Spy **Student Worksheet**

List 3 ways this newspaper is different from one of today.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Who produced this newspaper? _____ When was it produced? _____

On page 1, the author states his objectives in publishing this paper. What are they?

For what audience was this paper created?

The answers to the following questions can be found on page 3.

What has stopped in the province? Why do you think this is important?

Who has left for Philadelphia? Why are they going there?

What has recently arrived from England?

What is expected soon?

What was lost in Northborough? Is it important? Give your reasons.

The following questions relate to the account of the battles of Lexington and Concord.

Was the author an eyewitness to the event? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Cannot tell

Are there any other sources cited by the author? List them.

Who fired first on the Lexington town green?

What were the Americans doing on the Lexington green?

Who fired first at the North Bridge?

What property did the British troops destroy?

How does the author describe the conduct of the British troops? (Quote from the document.)

How does he describe the conduct of the Americans?

What was the situation in Boston after the battle?

Can you find any evidence of Isaiah Thomas's bias in this newspaper? List any examples.

List two things this newspaper tells you about life in America at the time it was written:

1.

2.

Why do you think this newspaper is important?