

Name _____



Full Steam Ahead

John and Lucas are neighbors and the very best of friends. On a hot summer day, their favorite activity is swimming in John's backyard pool. They play all sorts of imaginative games. They may be pirates or fishermen or even lost at sea. John's mother always rescues them with an ice cold glass of lemonade and a delicious snack, and the castaways recover to splash and play until it's time for Lucas to head home for dinner.

Today, the boys are great steamboat captains. Lucas's father told him all about Robert Fulton and how he developed the first successful commercial steamboat many years ago. Lucas has been fascinated with steamboats ever since. He even checked out books about them from the library. His parents told him they might be able to visit the Mariner's Museum in Newport News, Virginia, one day where some steamboats are on display. Lucas told them that would be awesome and asked if John could come too. Now, that's a good friend for you.

1. In the story, who is John's best friend?

Allen

Joshua

Aaron

Lucas

2. Where do John and Lucas like to swim on hot summer days?

John's backyard pool

the community pool

the lake

the nearby pond

3. What are the boys pretending to be in the story?

cowboys

hunters

baseball players

steamboat captains

4. Lucas's father told him all about _____.

George Washington

Robert Fulton

Eli Whitney

Christopher Columbus

5. Robert Fulton developed the first successful commercial _____.

telephone

radio

steamboat

automobile