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5. John Paul Jones's Birthday - July 6, 1747

Climb Aboard



Barry sat on his bedroom floor, surrounded by toy battleships and soldiers. In his mind's eye, he engaged in a fierce battle. The colonists were fighting for freedom in the American Revolutionary War, and he was picturing John Paul Jones, a brave ship captain, protecting America from Great Britain's attacks. Last night, Barry and his dad had watched a television program about the Revolutionary War on the history channel. Still thinking about the exciting reenactment scenes he saw, Barry wondered what it must have been like to be a part of such history-making moments.

"Captain Jones," he said in his pretend battle, "I want to join the Continental Navy and help protect my country."

"Climb aboard," replied Captain Jones. "We could really use your help." Barry felt brave and proud. Isn't the imagination a wonderful thing?

1. What was Barry playing with on his bedroom floor?

2. What part of American history was he pretending to be in?

3. What television program had Barry and his dad watched the night before?

4. What ship captain did Barry offer to help in his imaginary battle?

5. How did the imagined response of Captain John Paul Jones make Barry feel?