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## Analyzing "Paul Revere's Ride"

### SOAPS for Poetry

<u>S</u> ubject	Paul Revere's ride in 1775; "The Regulars Are Coming!!"
<u>O</u> ccasion	Longfellow wanted to encourage renewed patriotism in American citizens; wanted them to remember the sacrifices of their forefathers; poem written in 1860
<u>A</u> udience	General public; Americans
<u>P</u> urpose	To inform and entertain—to tell the story of Paul Revere and create an American folk hero—someone the people can celebrate; instill patriotism in the American people
<u>S</u> peaker	Unknown narrator; perhaps an observer, friend, or someone who just wanted to share the story

### TP-CASTT

<u>T</u> itle	Self-explanatory
<u>P</u> lot Summary	Events of the night of Apr. 18, 1775; lighting in the church belfry and the ride that warns the colonists
<u>C</u> onnotation	Imagery, personification, simile/metaphor, hyperbole, foreshadowing, rhyme scheme, alliteration, repetition, assonance, symbolism
<u>A</u> ttitude	Patriotic, excited, vibrant, suspenseful, mysterious, dramatic, sense of pride
<u>S</u> hifts	Line 57: shifts from the focus on the friend in the belfry (Robert Newman) to Paul Revere
<u>T</u> itle	Meaning of the title doesn't change
<u>T</u> heme	Americans will rise to the challenge to defend and protect their country.