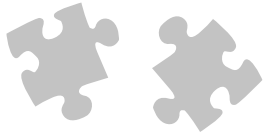


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Paragraph Puzzle 2



The sentences below are taken from the Newbery Medal winning biography *Amos Fortune, Free Man* by Elizabeth Yates. They have been put in mixed up order.

Recreate the paragraph by cutting out the strips and sorting them into a paragraph. Then, check with your teacher to see if you assembled the paragraph puzzle the same way the author arranged the sentences in his book. If you have a different arrangement that makes sense, be prepared to explain your thinking.



The year was 1710. #2

At fifteen he was captured by slave traders and brought to Massachusetts, where he was sold at auction. #3

Today his tombstone can be found in the village churchyard, a memorial to a man "who was born free in Africa, a slave in America, who purchased his liberty professed Christianity, lived reputably, and died hopefully." #8

Amos Fortune was born the son of a king in the At-mun-shi tribe in Africa. #1

At seventy Amos Fortune began a settled life for himself with his wife and his adopted daughter in the small village of Jaffrey, New Hampshire. #6

Then he began again to save and subsequently bought the freedom of several others. #5

He was an expert tanner, and when he died in 1801, he was one of the most respected citizens of Jaffrey. #7

There he lived as a slave until he was sixty years old and able to purchase his freedom. #4

Questions for Discussion:

How did you determine the topics of each paragraph?

How did you decide to sort each sentence?

How did you think about the order of the sentences?

