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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 di<sup>\*</sup> erent arrangement that makes sense, be prepared to explain your thinking.



The year was 1710.

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

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."

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

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.

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

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

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

## **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?



