During the night of April 18, 1775, British troops prepared to march to Concord. Their mission was to destroy militia supplies and arrest militia leaders there. It seemed like a simple mission, but messengers had warned colonists that the British were on the way. Paul Revere and William Dawes rode to Lexington, a town east of Concord, to spread the news: “The British are coming.” So when the redcoats arrived in Lexington, about 70 minutemen were waiting. Though outnumbered, the colonial fighters did the best they could. The British continued on to Concord. Along the way, Revere and Dawes were both detained by British soldiers. Dawes escaped, but did not finish his ride. Other messengers, however, spread the warning. At North Bridge in Concord, the British met their match.

Directions: Use the map to answer the following questions. (When answering questions with multiple blanks online, separate your responses with a semicolon and a space.)

1. Understanding the Concept
   Specifying The battles of Lexington and Concord took place in the colony of ______________ on ______________.
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2. **Understanding the Concept**
   **Identifying** Which messenger rode farthest south?

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3. **Understanding the Concept**
   **Sequencing** Put these cities in the correct order from east to west.

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4. **Applying the Concept**
   **Speculating** Why do you think Revere went so far north before getting on the same path as Dawes?

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5. **Applying the Concept**
   **Drawing Conclusions** Do you think the other messengers made it all the way to Concord even though Revere and Dawes could not? Explain.

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**Answer Key**

1. Massachusetts; April 19, 1775

2. Dawes

3. Charles Town; Cambridge; Medford; Menotomy (Arlington); Lexington; Concord

4. Possible answers: He needed to warn colonists in that direction and get some to join the fight; more people lived out in small villages in those days, so they needed to know what was happening; the small towns had militias.

5. Possible answer: Yes, the arrow shows it on the map; yes, they must have because the minutemen had been warned that the British were coming and were ready at Concord.