Name: _____ Date: _____

Minutemen

twenty-five	French	militia	minute
colonist	minutemen	marksmanship	muskets
energy	John Parker	experience	secret

In New England the soldiers were called _____ because they could be ready to fight in a _____. Most of these men were young. Most of them were about _____ years old or younger. The young minutemen were fast and had lots of _____.

The minutemen were not part of a real army, but a group called a _____. They did not wear uniforms like the British. Instead, they wore ordinary _____ clothes.

Many of the soldiers knew how to fight because they had been trained in the _____ and Indian War. The guns that they carried were called _____. They would practice _____ which means they would practice shooting. They had to be careful though because they needed to keep the militia and who was in it a _____ from the British soldiers.

The leader of the minutemen in Massachusetts was _____. He was a farmer but had lots of _____ fighting in different wars.