

AUTHOR TIM GROVE PRESENTS

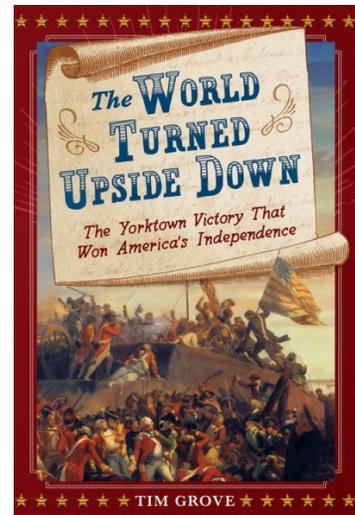
THE WORLD TURNED UPSIDE DOWN

The Yorktown Victory That Won America's Independence

Teacher Video Notes

Grove Interview for History Students

- Overview of Yorktown Story
- Book's Theme: Freedom (*freedom means different things to different people*)
 - James, an enslaved man who spies for Lafayette, wants personal freedom
 - Patriot leaders want freedom from British rule
- Different Perspectives: Patriots, British, French, women
- James Lafayette: portrait of slave-turned-spy-turned-free-man
- Enslaved blacks: no guarantee of freedom
- Pieces of history we don't know (ex. Did James serve as a double agent?)
- Favorite stories from the book:
 - "The Big Secret" – keeping the 500-mile march a secret
 - Fake French bread ovens
 - General George Washington's letter to his dentist
- What interests Tim about history? (*historical decisions impact future generations*)
- More about the book: images, maps, spies, intrigue...



Grove Interview for Writing Students

The process of researching, writing, editing, and publishing a non-fiction book

- Does a nationally published author design his own cover?
- Can you explain your research process?
- How much time does it take to write a book?
- What other books have you written?
- Why are different perspectives important?
- How does the writing process work for you?
- Who is responsible for the editing and final copy?
- Did you choose the title based on the musical *Hamilton*?
- How do your sources help you add detail to the story?
- What other aspects have you included in the book? (*images, maps, illustrations...*)
- Where do you find source material – and what is the difference between primary and secondary sources? (*written history is alive and changing – as new primary sources are uncovered*)

Interviewer: 8th Grade Teacher – Ms. Kelli Gary (Alexandria, Virginia)