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### James Forten Summary

James Forten was from the city of \_\_\_\_\_. A lot of \_\_\_\_\_ lived in \_\_\_\_\_ because there were a lot of \_\_\_\_\_, people who did not want slavery. Also, \_\_\_\_\_ could find work in \_\_\_\_\_. James' father was a free \_\_\_\_\_. His job was as a(n) \_\_\_\_\_. Thomas Forten made sure James learned to read and \_\_\_\_\_. Anthony Benezet said the only way Africans could make a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ place in the \_\_\_\_\_ was through \_\_\_\_\_. James' father died when James was \_\_\_\_\_. James continued to go to school for \_\_\_\_\_.

James really wanted to \_\_\_\_\_. He had seen soldiers walking through the streets. Among the soldiers were men of \_\_\_\_\_. But a black child in the \_\_\_\_\_ had to be careful because they could get \_\_\_\_\_ and sold into \_\_\_\_\_. When he saw the black soldiers, he thought they were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ than any men he had ever seen.

The first ship that James signed onto was the \_\_\_\_\_. It was a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ which means that the government paid the ship to fight. When it sailed out one day, it was quickly engaged by the British ship, the \_\_\_\_\_. Forten's job was to carry \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_. People were \_\_\_\_\_ everywhere. The smell of \_\_\_\_\_ filled the air. Finally, the \_\_\_\_\_ surrendered. James had mixed feelings because so many of his people were \_\_\_\_\_.

After the ship was \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ were cared for, the ship sailed out again. While it was sailing, it saw a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ ship. It sailed toward it, but then a second and third \_\_\_\_\_ ship appeared. The three British ships, the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ made the \_\_\_\_\_ surrender. James was scared because he might be sold into \_\_\_\_\_. While on the ship \_\_\_\_\_ James became friends with \_\_\_\_\_. They played \_\_\_\_\_ together. Because of this friendship, Forten was not sold into \_\_\_\_\_. Instead he was sent to the prison ship, the \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ was too \_\_\_\_\_ to use in the war, so it became a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ ship, then later a ship for \_\_\_\_\_. The prisoners were called \_\_\_\_\_, not soldiers. The \_\_\_\_\_ was a very \_\_\_\_\_ place. In the morning, first the crew checked how many people \_\_\_\_\_.

Forten said that the game of \_\_\_\_\_ saved him from a life of \_\_\_\_\_. Later they received news that General \_\_\_\_\_ of the British army had surrendered to \_\_\_\_\_. It was this news that really saved his \_\_\_\_\_.

James Forten was not a(n) \_\_\_\_\_. He did not defeat the \_\_\_\_\_ or sink a(n) \_\_\_\_\_. But he fought for \_\_\_\_\_ like many \_\_\_\_\_. When he became rich, he used his money to support \_\_\_\_\_ groups and the right for \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. He spent many years \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of his people.