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Social Studies! I'm going crazy! I don't even see why I have to take it. Mom says that since I never shut up I'm the most social kid she's ever seen and I can study ... if I wanna. I'm really good at this stuff!

Oh, geesh, there's the bell. Great. Like I need that. Stuck here in my worst class with a teacher who hates me. I know she does because she always calls on me. My problem is, there's no big kids who sit here in the back. In math I can scrunch down behind Justin 'cause he's like six foot twelve and nobody ever sees me but all we got here in Social Studies are a bunch of little twerps ... like me. (*scratches his head*) What? No, Mrs. Miller, I didn't raise my hand. I just scratched my head! Honest! Because I was tryin' so hard to think of the answer! Really! The question? Uh ... maybe that's what I was tryin' to think of. Pay attention? Yes Ma'am. Social Studies is my favorite subject. I'm really good at this stuff!

(*aside*) I think that Mrs. Miller is the lumpiest teacher I've ever seen. No kiddin'. She's sort of shaped like Africa if you turned it upside-down. Or maybe a squash. I wonder if everybody gets that lumpy when they get old. Now what's she talkin' about? American Heroes? What M'am? No, I am not daydreaming! No way! I'm really good at this stuff. No, Ma'am ... no day-dreaming ... no ... (*and he goes into a sort of haze*)

Private! I need those boats this moment! What? Well tell them that I'm General Washington and I've got to get across that river! Sergeant, what's the forecast? Oh, no! Did you check the Weather Channel? Shoot! Get extra fuel for the motors! Motor! The thing that makes the boat go! (*climbing into the boat and striking the traditional pose*) Okay men, pull the starter! It's time to kick some British patootie! Anybody bring potato chips? That's a long ways across there. Car lights! Everybody duck! Just my luck! They've got 40 British sports cars lined up on the bank. Sergeant, call in the Air Force! Give those Brits a good thunkin'! No airplanes? What kind of



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