

Quick Check

Sally's Secret Ambition

Name _____ Date _____

Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. What was the main character's wish in this story?
 - Ⓐ to write stories
 - Ⓑ to fight in the war
 - Ⓒ to become a pianist
 - Ⓓ to become a surgeon
2. How did Sally feel when she "jumped out of her skin"?
 - Ⓐ surprised
 - Ⓑ annoyed
 - Ⓒ worried
 - Ⓓ excited
3. What caused Sally to feel angry in this story?
 - Ⓐ Her brother had been teasing and picking on her because she was smart.
 - Ⓑ Her brother had the chance, but he didn't want to work with her father.
 - Ⓒ Her father and mother wanted her to stay home and help there.
 - Ⓓ It was up to her to do all the work around the house.
4. Why did Sally's mother think she was hurt?
 - Ⓐ Her head was bleeding.
 - Ⓑ She was lying on the ground.
 - Ⓒ Her dress was dirty and bloody.
 - Ⓓ She was being carried by her father.
5. What is **ambition**?
 - Ⓐ someone's life
 - Ⓑ someone who gets something
 - Ⓒ something new
 - Ⓓ working hard to get something
6. Why did Sally think her father was doing **noble** work?
 - Ⓐ He was working hard.
 - Ⓑ He was saving many lives.
 - Ⓒ He was not fighting in the war.
 - Ⓓ He worked to end the struggle.

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7. When did this story take place?

- Ⓐ 1980s
- Ⓑ 1400s
- Ⓒ 1860s
- Ⓓ 2010

8. Why did Sally watch her father's operations from a secret hiding place?

- Ⓐ She wanted to learn all she could.
- Ⓑ She didn't want her father to see her.
- Ⓒ She didn't want her mother to be upset.
- Ⓓ All of the above

9. What do you think the author's main purpose was in writing this book?

- Ⓐ to show how doctors treated soldiers during the war
- Ⓑ to explain how war doesn't solve problems but hurts many people
- Ⓒ to send the message that girls should have an equal chance for jobs
- Ⓓ to encourage girls to argue with their parents until they get what they want

10. How did Sally feel when she saw her mother walking toward her after she helped the soldier?

- Ⓐ worried and scared
- Ⓑ excited and happy
- Ⓒ proud and relieved
- Ⓓ all of the above

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11. Extended Response: Explain in one or two sentences what the next day in Sally's life will be like.

12. Extended Response: If the wounded soldier had not come up to Sally, do you think Sally would have ever told her parents about her dream of being a doctor? Why or why not?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Analyze Character

1. Ⓓ Analyze Character
2. Ⓐ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
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5. Ⓓ Vocabulary
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7. Ⓒ Story Elements
8. Ⓓ Cause and Effect
9. Ⓒ Author's Purpose
10. Ⓐ Analyze Character
11. Answers will vary somewhat but would likely be similar to the following: *Sally will get up early and go with her father to the hospital. She will help to take care of several wounded soldiers by cleaning their wounds and bandaging them after surgery.*
12. Answers will vary but should give a yes or no response with a reason to support that choice.
Example: *Yes, I think Sally would have told her parents about her dream to become a doctor. She read all of her father's medical books and secretly watched him during surgery, and she knew being a doctor was important to her. She would have eventually told her parents that she wanted to work in the field hospital. Or No, I don't think Sally would have told her parents about her dream to become a doctor. She was too afraid of disappointing her mother, and she didn't want to make her upset. She would have continued secretly watching her father during surgery, but she never would have the courage to tell her parents about her dream.*