

Classics Quick Check Level Z2

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

- **1.** Where is this part of the story set?
  - (A) on a battlefield at dusk
  - ® by a riverbank at dawn
  - (i) by a riverbank at dusk
  - ① on a battlefield at dawn
- **2.** What word best describes the mood among the soldiers?
  - (A) frustrated
  - B scared
  - © angry
  - ① sad
- **3.** Which of the following events is part of this story's introduction?
  - A Henry has a conversation with a picket from the enemy camp across the river.
  - B Henry feels like a hero as he takes leave of his hometown after enlisting.
  - © The loud soldier and the tall soldier argue in front of Henry in their hut.
  - ① The tall soldier brings a rumor that the regiment is about to move into battle.

- **4.** Why does the author describe Henry's impression of the camp as eternal?
  - A because the soldiers enlist for life
  - B because the soldiers have been waiting there for a long time
  - © because the soldiers have been fighting for a long time
  - D because the rumors at the camp are never-ending
- 5. Read this sentence from the story: The regiment was fed and caressed at station after station until the youth had believed that he must be a hero. What is the meaning of regiment?
  - (A) a dirty soldier
  - B a terrifying criminal
  - (i) a large military unit
  - (1) a military marching band



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- 6. How is Henry's experience of war different from his earlier expectations of it?
  - A He is relieved that being in a regiment has met his expectations of dull routine.
  - B He is delighted that being in a regiment is far easier than he expected it to be.
  - ① He is unhappy that the war is more physically demanding than he expected.
  - ① He is disappointed that the war has not met his expectations of glory.
- **7.** What literary technique does the author use to provide background information on Henry's character?
  - A a foreshadowing of the fights Henry will have
  - B a hyperbole that exaggerates Henry's origins
  - © a flashback to the time when Henry enlisted
  - a metaphor comparing Henry to a Homeric hero

- 8. Read this sentence: He could not accept with assurance an omen that he was about to mingle in one of those great affairs of earth. Which of the following words is a synonym for assurance?
  - (A) uncertainty

  - (C) happiness
  - (D) sadness
- **9.** What question is Henry wrestling with in this part of the story?
  - (A) whether he is a coward or not
  - B whether he is a good shot or not
  - © whether he will ever make friends or not
  - whether his mother will be safe or not



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- **10.** What effect do Jim's thoughts about fighting have on Henry?
  - A Henry is relieved that Jim says the regiment will fight well and not to worry about it.
  - B Henry is horrified that Jim thinks being brave in a battle is not as important as everyone says it is.
  - © Henry is comforted that Jim believes it is natural for new recruits to fear that they will run away from a battle.
  - ① Henry is ashamed that Jim says that he would run if a lot of other boys started to flee first.
- 11. Extended Response: What is the point of view in this story? Why do you think the author chose to write in that perspective?
- 12. Extended Response: Compare Henry's initial views about war with his mother's views. Use details from the story to support your answer

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- 1. (B) Story Elements
- 2. A Analyze Setting
- 3. 

  Analyze Plot
- **4.** (B) Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- 5. (C) Vocabulary
- **6.** (D) Compare and Contrast
- 7. (C) Author's Purpose
- 8. (B) Vocabulary
- **9.** (A) Analyze Character
- **10**. (C) Cause and Effect

- 11. Answers should indicate that the story is told in third-person limited point of view, with Henry as the focused perspective. Answers will explain why the author used that narrative style. For example: This point of view allows the reader to get very close to one specific character, in this case Henry. Authors often use this point of view because it is through this one character's feelings and reactions to events that they can illustrate and develop the major themes of the story.
- 12. Answers will vary. Sample answer: Henry begins with a rather immature and unrealistic view of war. He believes that it is heroic and romantic, and he longs to return home as a conquering hero. Henry refers several times to the ancient wars of the Greeks. His mother, on the other hand, has a much more realistic view of war. She does not think it is glorious. When she sees Henry off to war, she concerns herself with practical matters, like him having warm clothing or warning him about getting in with the wrong group of people.