

Classics Quick Check Level Z2

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

- **1.** What is the cause of Henry's rage against the enemy?
 - (A) He hates what they stand for.
 - B He feels as if they will never stop.
 - ① They caused his head injury.
 - ① They shot Jimmie Rogers.
- **2.** Why do all of Henry's comrades stare at him in amazement?
 - A He continues to fight like a beast after the fighting has ceased.
 - B He runs away from the battle and hides in the bushes.
 - © He refuses to get water for Jimmie Rogers.
 - ① He fights in the battle in an unthinking, dreamlike state.

- **3.** How is the battle that Henry and Wilson overhear the general discuss different from others they have fought?
 - A This battle will be fought at night.
 - B They will all be fighting on horseback.
 - © Their regiment will be fighting alone.
 - ① They will charge at the enemy.
- **4.** Which of the following events happens first in this part of the story?
 - A Henry enjoys the other soldiers' admiration.
 - B The general orders Henry's regiment to be readied for another charge.
 - © Henry engages in battle with the enemy.
 - ① The other soldiers stare in shock as Henry continues to fire after the fighting has ended.



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- **5.** Read this sentence from the story: He had a wild hate for the **relentless** foe. What is the meaning of **relentless**?
 - (A) skillful and energetic
 - B ending abruptly without warning
 - © continuing at the same level of intensity
 - ① malicious and stingy
- **6.** When do Henry and Wilson go and search for water?
 - A after they overhear the general
 - **B** during the battle
 - © once they know they will be charging the enemy
 - ① after they see Jimmie Rogers

- 7. Why does the general refer to the soldiers in the 304th as mule drivers?
 - (A) They are tough but not experienced or skilled.
 - B They literally were mule drivers in civilian life.
 - ① They are not very bright.
 - ① They spend a lot of time fighting among themselves.
- 8. Read this sentence from the story: The other swore at his restive horse, and then cleared this throat. What is the meaning of restive?
 - (A) still

 - © fearful
 - ① unpredictable



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- **9.** What detail from this part of the story raises the suspense of the rising action?
 - (A) Henry and Wilson go to fetch water for Jimmie Rogers.
 - Wilson staggers over to Henry after the battle and questions him about how he feels.
 - © Henry and Wilson know that the general expects that many of their regiment will die.
 - ① Henry is bewildered when the fighting ends.
- **10.** What causes Henry to feel insignificant?
 - (A) His comrades ignore him.
 - B The general is unconcerned that many in his regiment will die.
 - (C) He can't locate the river.
 - ① The general says their lives don't really matter.
- 11. Extended Response: Describe Henry's transformation in this part of the story. Include your thoughts on what causes it and if you think it will last.

12. Extended Response: Why does the author pair a chaotic battle scene with a calm depiction of the natural world?

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- 1. (B) Cause and Effect
- 2. (A) Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- 3. (D) Compare and Contrast
- **4.** © Sequence Events
- 5. (Ĉ) Vocabulary
- **6.** (D) Sequence Events
- 7. (A) Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- 8. (B) Vocabulary
- 9. (C) Analyze Plot
- **10.** (B) Cause and Effect

- 11. Answers will vary but should indicate the following: Henry's blind hatred for the enemy has transformed him into a fierce soldier. Henry's fighting is an unthinking, instinctive dive into battle. I am not sure if this state will last or not, as Henry is a person who in the past has spent a great deal of time thinking things over and changing his mind. Maybe later, when he has time to think about it, Henry won't be so bold.
- 12. Answers will vary. Sample answer:
 The author continues to contrast the affairs of men and the affairs of nature, which helps illustrate one of the themes of the book: that the natural world is quite indifferent to the struggles of humankind. Here, the sun will rise as it always does no matter what kind of chaos is happening beneath it.

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