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

- 1. Which of the following events happens first in this part of the story?
  - A Henry leaves the tattered soldier.
  - B Henry fears his regiment will mock him.
  - ① Henry grieves over Jim's death.
  - ① Henry hopes his side will lose the war.
- 2. Why is the tattered soldier behaving so erratically?
  - (A) He is furious.
  - B He is wounded and shocked from battle.
  - © He is trying to keep Henry's spirits up.
  - ① He is young and immature.

- 3. Read these sentences: They turned their back upon it and started away. For a time they stole softly, treading with their toes. It remained laughing there in the grass. Why is this an example of figurative language?
  - A because Henry and the tattered soldier can't actually hear the laughing
  - B because Henry and the tattered soldier are showing respect to the dead
  - © because Henry and the tattered soldier are remembering how Jim used to laugh
  - D because Henry and the tattered soldier are tiptoeing and Jim never liked that
- **4.** In this part, Henry's mental state changes frequently between
  - (A) self-justification and guilt
  - B happiness and sadness
  - © self-pity and selflessness
  - ① terror and heroic bravery

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- **5.** Why does Henry feel so violent toward the tattered soldier?
  - A The tattered soldier won't stop talking, and Henry wants to be left alone.
  - B The tattered soldier threatens to expose Henry's cowardice by asking about his wounds.
  - © Henry does not want to be responsible for taking care of him.
  - ① He terrifies Henry because Henry is afraid of death.
- 6. Read this sentence from the story: His late companion's chance persistency made him feel that he could not keep his crime concealed in his bosom. What is the meaning of persistency?
  - A something arranged or assembled
  - (B) a quick or abrupt ending
  - © the quality of not ending or stopping
  - ① a suspicious look

- 7. According to Henry's thinking, how would defeat benefit him?
  - A It would make him appear smarter than everyone else.
  - B It would help him justify his plans.
  - ① It would end the war, and he could go home.
  - It would help justify his running away to save himself.
- **8.** In this part of the story, Henry frequently **denounces** himself. What is the meaning of **denounce**?
  - (A) to avoid or ignore
  - (B) to praise or compliment
  - (C) to blame or criticize
  - ① to mock or harass



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- **9.** Henry's physical conditions of hunger and thirst cause him to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (A) actively avoid other soldiers
  - B feel even more despair and cowardice
  - (forget about his worries about the war
  - ① fall flat on his face and pass out
- **10.** What is Henry's biggest fear at the end of this part?
  - (A) his commanding officer
  - ® dying alone
  - © being mocked by his comrades
  - staying with the tattered soldier
- 11. Extended Response: In this part of the story, Henry thinks that he is the most selfish man in existence. Why does Henry feel this way? Do you agree or disagree?

**12. Extended Response:** Why do you think the author waits until chapter 11 to reveal Henry's full name to the reader?

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Classics Quick Check Answer Key

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

- 11. Answers will vary but should explain causes for Henry feeling that he is selfish, such as the following: Henry wishing that his regiment would be defeated so other men would begin to desert and Henry could conceal himself among them, or Henry leaving the tattered soldier on his own. Answers will conclude with the student's opinion on whether Henry is selfish or not.
- 12. Answers will vary but should indicate text-supported reasons why the author waits to reveal Henry's last name as Fleming, such as the following: the reader learns of Henry's full name when he is fearful that his desertion will be discovered; the full name emphasizes Henry's feelings that it will be impossible to hide; or using a simple first name helps to generalize Henry, letting his feelings stand for those of his fellow soldiers, and allowing readers to more easily identify with Henry as a representative of themselves in this story.

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