

Classics Quick Check Level Z2

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

- 1. What causes Henry to walk toward the sounds of battle?
 - (A) guilt
 - B bravery
 - (C) hunger
 - ① curiosity
- **2.** Why does the author describe the sound of the roar of battle as being *crimson*?
 - (A) Crimson is the color of Henry's uniform.
 - B Crimson is red, the same color as blood.
 - © Crimson is the color of the enemy uniforms.
 - ① Crimson is the name of the town in which they are battling.
- **3.** What does the tattered soldier symbolize to Henry?
 - (A) Henry's cowardice
 - **®** the horrors of war
 - © bravery
 - (D) friendship

- **4.** Read this sentence: *Trees,* confronting him, stretched out their arms and forbade him to pass. Why is this an example of personification?
 - A because the tree is a symbol for a soldier
 - B because the tree is a symbol for the conflict
 - © because the tree is described as having qualities of a person
 - D because Henry mistakes the tree for a person
- 5. Read this sentence from the story: "Sure—will yeh, Henry?" the tall soldier beseeched. Which of the following words is a synonym for beseeched?
 - (A) wondered
 - (B) commanded
 - © repeated
 - D begged



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- 6. What first causes Henry to recognize that the spectral soldier is Jim Conklin?
 - A Henry knows that Jim was wounded in the same manner.
 - B Henry recognizes a gesture Jim makes.
 - © Henry hears Jim's voice and knows it instantly.
 - ① Henry recognizes Jim's uniform.
- 7. What is a red badge of courage?
 - (A) a badge veteran soldiers wore
 - (B) a bloody tourniquet
 - (C) a wound received in battle
 - ① a war medal for valor
- **8.** How does Henry feel about the death of Jim?
 - (A) relieved
 - ® numb
 - © satisfied
 - ① enraged

- **9.** Read this sentence from the story: They were discussing his plight, questioning him and giving him advice. What is the meaning of plight?
 - (A) a dangerous situation
 - B a battle injury
 - (C) a weapon
 - ① a commanding officer
- **10.** The scene recounting Jim's death is best described as a
 - A foreshadowing of coming events
 - (B) climax
 - © flashback of prior events
 - (I) resolution
- 11. Extended Response: Describe some of the details that create sound in this part of the story. How does the author's description of sound contribute to this part's mood?
- 12. Extended Response: Why does Henry envy those who have a red badge of courage? Use details from the story to support your answer.

Classics Quick Check Answer Key

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

- 11. Answers will vary but should identify various details that create sound: the sounds of the battle described as the crimson roar; the ripping sound of musketry; the breaking crash of the artillery and the crackle and clatter of the artillery; wounded men that are cursing, groaning, wailing, and singing; a wounded officer loudly complaining; the sound of the battery thumping the through the ranks of wounded soldiers; and even the sound of silence, of hushed nature. Answers will then describe the mood created with these details, such as building an atmosphere that is chaotic and discordant to show the soldiers' state of shock, and contrasting the loudness of the battlefield with the guiet of nature. The various sounds add to the confusion of the battle and the somber nature of the aftermath.
- 12. Answers will vary. Sample answer:

 A red badge of courage is a metaphor for bravery in war. It is a wound received during battle. Henry ran from battle and therefore has no red badge of courage. He feels conspicuous and intensely cowardly being among the wounded men who have earned their badge and proved their bravery.