

Classics Quick Check Level Z2

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

- 1. Which major event happens first in this part of the story?
 - (A) Henry and Wilson grab the opposing side's flag.
 - B Henry's regiment launches into an attack.
 - (C) Henry and the lieutenant lead the charge.
 - ① Henry's regiment overcomes the enemy.
- 2. Which of the following best describes Henry's state of mind as this part of the story opens?
 - (A) intense relief
 - (B) intense sadness
 - (C) intense terror
 - ① intense focus
- **3.** Which metaphor does the author use to describe Henry's regiment?
 - (A) a flock of sheep
 - B a broom
 - (C) a blue haze
 - ① a cannon

- **4.** What causes the men to, as the author states, appear dazed and stupid?
 - (A) the lieutenant cursing and yelling at them
 - B the sight of their comrades being gunned down
 - ① the dead body of the color bearer
 - ① the sudden and rapid retreat of the enemy
- **5.** Why does the author have the lieutenant lead the charge with Henry?
 - A to show the lieutenant's courage and determination
 - B to show that the lieutenant is a better soldier than Henry
 - © to show that the lieutenant is a crazy and reckless leader
 - ① to show the lieutenant's hypocrisy and inexperience



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- 6. Read this sentence from the story: The command went painfully forward until an open space interposed between them and the lurid lines. What is the meaning of interposed?
 - (A) went under
 - (B) went over
 - © came between
 - (I) came around
- 7. Why does Henry feel some shame about his regiment?
 - A because all they do is complain about their circumstances
 - B because they will not follow the orders of the commanding officers
 - © because they all run away from the battle as soon as they are not being watched
 - D because they retreat at the little clearing, rather than charging

- 8. Why does Henry take such offense at his friend when he says, "Well, Henry, I guess this is good-by-John"?
 - A because Henry thinks Wilson is joking with him
 - B because Henry's name is not John
 - © because Henry thinks Wilson is giving up
 - D because Henry has no idea what it means
- 9. Read this sentence from the story: A scowl of mortification and rage was upon his face. What is the meaning of mortification?
 - (A) extreme embarrassment
 - B extreme shock
 - (C) extreme excitement
 - (I) extreme anger



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- **10.** Which of the following events best describes the resolution of this part's rising action?
 - (A) Henry's regiment wins this particular battle.
 - B Henry becomes the flag bearer for his regiment.
 - © Wilson believes that all hope is lost.
 - ① The lieutenant drives the regiment on with shouts and insults.
- 11. Extended Response: What actions does Henry take in this part of the story, and what do they show about his character and how he has changed?
- **12. Extended Response:** What purpose does the character of the lieutenant serve? Is he essential to the story?

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

- 11. Answers will vary. Sample answer: Henry charges into battle like an insane soldier. There is no hesitation. Henry, along with the lieutenant, leads the regiment across an open field and makes a second charge at the enemy. Henry shows none of his earlier indecision and is not focused on his thoughts, but entirely on the battle. Ultimately, Henry's actions contribute to the regiment winning the battle. His behavior is extremely different from when he fled battle earlier, and his mental pondering is almost absent, replaced with a battle instinct.
- **12.** Answers will vary. Sample answer: The lieutenant serves as a model of the duty and leadership expected of the soldiers. He is not the ideal war hero, but a loud and blustery fellow who nevertheless is brave and gets the job done. He seems to spend more time cursing and exhorting than thinking about his situation. His presence in the story is important because he gives readers an example against which they can compare and contrast the other soldiers in the regiment, particularly Henry. The lieutenant also shows what character traits are required to win a battle, traits that Henry is starting to embrace for himself.

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