

Classics Quick Check Level Z2

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

- **1.** Why do you think the author uses colloquial speech throughout the story?
 - A) to make the characters more realistic
 - B to keep readers from getting bored
 - © to follow nineteenth-century writing conventions
 - to challenge the reader's understanding
- 2. What causes the Union soldiers to run through the woods?
 - A They are running toward the sound of cannon fire.
 - B They are running away from charging horses.
 - © They are running at the general's orders.
 - ① They are running away from the enemy.

- 3. What causes Henry's injury?
 - (A) He falls when he is running.
 - B He is struck by a fellow soldier.
 - ① He is shot by the enemy.
 - ① He falls off his horse.
- **4.** The author set this scene at dusk because _____.
 - (A) it is the time of day when most of the battles were fought
 - B dusk is more poetic than dawn
 - (i) it adds to the chaos because the soldiers can't see clearly
 - dusk is symbolic of retreating soldiers
- 5. Read this sentence from the story: The voices of the cannon were clamoring in interminable chorus. What is the meaning of interminable?
 - (A) endless
 - B abrupt
 - (C) loud
 - ① emotional



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- **6.** Read this sentence: They charged down upon him like terrified buffaloes. Why does the author use this simile?
 - A because the men are actually riding buffalos
 - B to emphasize the way the men are stampeding toward Henry
 - (i) because the charging men are not that scary
 - to emphasize the way the men physically resemble buffalos
- 7. What happens after Henry meets the cheery soldier?
 - A Henry stumbles around alone in the woods.
 - B Henry is returned to his regiment.
 - (1) Henry sees a wave of retreating men.
 - ① Henry gets hit by a fleeing soldier.

- 8. Read this sentence from the story: In encounters with guards and patrols he displayed the keenness of a detective and the valor of a gamin. What is the meaning of gamin?
 - A a fortune teller who reads palms
 - B a good spirit
 - (C) an evil spirit
 - ① a boy who lives on the streets
- **9.** What is one difference between Henry and the cheery soldier?
 - (A) Henry seems to be more skilled and ferocious.
 - B They are fighting on different sides of the war.
 - ① The cheery soldier seems to be more composed and capable.
 - ① They are of different army rank.



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- **10.** Which of the following details from the story provides a clue as to why the cheery soldier is so helpful to Henry?
 - (A) Yeh know there was a boy killed in my comp'ny t'-day that I thought th' world an' all of.
 - B It was th' most mixed up dern thing I ever see.
 - © By dad, I give myself up fer dead any number 'a times.
 - ① He won't be talkin' so big about his reputation an' all when they go t' sawin' off his leg. Poor feller!
- **11. Extended Response:** Why is Henry's red badge of courage ironic?
- 12. Extended Response: Describe how you think Henry feels about being returned to his regiment. Use details from the text to justify your answer.

Classics Quick Check Answer Key

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- 1. A Author's Purpose
- **2.** (D) Cause and Effect
- 3. (B) Cause and Effect
- 4. (C) Author's Purpose
- 5. (A) Vocabulary
- **6.** (B) Author's Purpose
- 7. (B) Sequence of Events
- 8. (D) Vocabulary
- 9. (C) Compare and Contrast
- **10.** (A) Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- 11. Answers will vary. Sample answer:

 Henry's red badge is ironic because it
 is the opposite of what is expected of a
 soldier and the opposite of what other
 soldiers will think when they see it.
 A red badge of courage refers to a
 wound a soldier receives in battle.
 Henry's red badge was not received in
 battle. However, when others see it, they
 will think it is a wound he received while
 fighting the enemy.
- 12. Answers will vary, but should be justified with textual evidence. Sample answer: Since Henry is terrified that he will be discovered as a coward and a soldier who ran from battle, Henry is probably not too happy about being returned to his regiment. It is very likely that he feels anxiety as he foresees some difficult questions from his fellow soldiers.

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