

Classics Quick Check Level Z2

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

- 1. Why does Henry feel so good about himself at the beginning of this part?
 - (A) The weather is quite nice.
 - B He is getting along with all his comrades.
 - © He finally got a good night's sleep.
 - ① He didn't run from battle.
- **2.** What causes Henry to run *like* a rabbit?
 - (A) a second onslaught from the enemy
 - (B) a charging horse
 - (C) an explosion
 - ① a reexamination of his reasons for fighting
- **3.** In this part of the story, Henry's regiment prepares to **repulse** another wave of attacking enemies. What is the meaning of **repulse**?
 - (A) push back
 - B pull forward
 - © kill
 - ① fight

- **4.** The author describes the enemy as an onslaught of redoubtable dragons. Why does the author use this metaphor?
 - (A) to make the enemy seem foolish and absurd
 - B to emphasize the danger and menace of the enemy
 - © to show that the enemy is just a figment of Henry's imagination
 - ① to highlight the supernatural presence of the enemy
- **5.** Why does the author describe Henry as a *proverbial chicken*?
 - (A) because Henry is being chased
 - B because Henry is acting cowardly
 - © because Henry is running around in all directions
 - ① because Henry is fast



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- **6.** Henry imagines the shells exploding over his head as having rows of cruel teeth that grinned at him. This is an example of _____.
 - (A) allegory
 - B paradox
 - © simile
 - D personification
- 7. Why does Henry feel so hostile toward the general on horseback that he wants to thrash him?
 - (A) The general is cruel to the recruits and insults them.
 - B Henry thinks the general is fighting a losing battle and should retreat.
 - ① The general is cruel to his horse and beats it.
 - ① Henry is angry that the general is forcing him back to the front line of battle.

- 8. Read this sentence from the story: The battery was disputing with a distant antagonist and the gunners were wrapped in admiration of their shooting.
 What is the meaning of antagonist?
 - (A) regiment
 - (B) friend or comrade
 - © enemy or rival
 - (D) soldier
- **9.** Why does the author use contrasting images of the battlefield and nature?
 - (A) to show that nature is indifferent to the affairs of people
 - B to give the reader a break from all the bloodshed
 - (1) to remind the reader that the battle occurred in the woods
 - ① to show that the actions of men can have an impact on nature



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- **10.** Why does Henry feel angry when he learns that his regiment was victorious?
 - A He wants the war to be over so he can go home.
 - B He is going to lose money because he made a bet that they would lose.
 - (1) He is secretly rooting for the other side.
 - ① He realizes his excuse for fleeing is not justified.
- 11. Extended Response: How does Henry justify his flight from the battle? Do you agree with him or not?
- 12. Extended Response: In this part, Henry stumbles upon a dead Union soldier in the forest. What does this pivotal discovery mean to Henry? How might it affect his future actions?

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- 1. D Analyze Character
- 2. (A) Cause and Effect
- 3. A Vocabulary
- 4. B Author's Purpose
- 5. (C) Analyze Character
- **6.** (D) Story Elements
- 7. (B) Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- 8. (Ĉ) Vocabulary
- 9. A Author's Purpose
- **10.** D Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- 11. Answers will vary but should indicate reasons for Henry's flight. For example: Henry believes that running from danger and what he perceives as certain death is the sensible thing to do. By preserving his life, Henry feels that he will be able to fight in a battle that they have a better chance of winning. Additionally, Henry believes that running is the natural or instinctive thing to do, as evidenced by the squirrel that runs when Henry throws a pine cone at it. Answers will conclude with the student's own opinions on Henry's behavior.
- **12.** Answers will vary. Sample answer: Henry's discovery of the soldier reminds him of the war that he is trying to escape. It makes it seem as if, no matter where he goes, he can't get away from it. Also, before he finds the soldier, Henry is feeling as if nature justifies his actions, but the horrible contrast of the soldier with nature reminds him that nature has nothing to do with him or the war. Nature encompasses them and continues on in its beauty, yet remains indifferent to living and dead soldiers alike. After this realization, Henry will likely see the uselessness of trying to escape, and head back to the battle.

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