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

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| <p>1. What causes the regiment to charge the fence?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ The enemy is hiding behind it. Ⓑ The enemy is chasing them. Ⓒ There are much-needed supplies behind the fence. Ⓓ They hear a shot and just start running. <p>2. Which word best describes Henry's behavior during the charge?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ innocent Ⓑ depressed Ⓒ timid Ⓓ fearless <p>3. Henry ponders his deeds, failures, and achievements during the _____ of the novel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ falling action Ⓑ rising action Ⓒ climax Ⓓ introduction | <p>4. How does the author characterize the four captured soldiers?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ as ordinary men with different moods and reactions to being caught Ⓑ as a disappointing foe that does not meet expectations Ⓒ as a powerful enemy with a supernatural presence Ⓓ as ideal soldiers that match the image captured in stories and mythology <p>5. Which of the following is the last event to occur in the story?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ Henry charges a fence held by the enemy. Ⓑ Henry's regiment celebrates its successful offensive charge. Ⓒ Henry is able to look back on his earlier actions with assurance. Ⓓ Henry's regiment captures some prisoners of war. |
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6. Read this sentence from the story: *But at one part of the line there was a grim and **obdurate** group that made no movement.* What is the meaning of **obdurate**?

- Ⓐ compliant
- Ⓑ stubborn
- Ⓒ petrified
- Ⓓ exhausted

7. What is Henry most looking forward to at the end of the story?

- Ⓐ home
- Ⓑ bragging rights
- Ⓒ peace
- Ⓓ the next battle

8. What does the capture of the Confederate flag mean to Henry's regiment?

- Ⓐ the end of the war
- Ⓑ strength and endurance
- Ⓒ shame and defeat
- Ⓓ victory and vindication

9. Read this sentence from the story: *He felt he could look back upon the brass and **bombast** of his earlier gospels and see them truly.* What is the meaning of **bombast**?

- Ⓐ logical and sensible talk
- Ⓑ insincere and exaggerated talk
- Ⓒ quiet and respectful talk
- Ⓓ taunting and disrespectful talk

10. What is Henry most ashamed of?

- Ⓐ his treatment of Jim
- Ⓑ looking down on Wilson
- Ⓒ bad-mouthing his commanders
- Ⓓ his treatment of the tattered soldier

11. **Extended Response:** Why do you think the author decided to describe the death of the Confederate flag bearer and personalize the captured prisoners of war?

12. **Extended Response:** At the end of the story, Henry reflects on his experiences. What are his conclusions about the war and himself? Do you agree with him?

1. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
2. Ⓓ *Analyze Character*
3. Ⓐ *Analyze Plot*
4. Ⓐ *Author's Purpose*
5. Ⓒ *Sequence Events*
6. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
7. Ⓒ *Analyze Character*
8. Ⓓ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
9. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
10. Ⓓ *Analyze Character*
11. Answers will vary. Sample answer:
By including these descriptions, the author is giving a human face to the enemy. It doesn't matter if it is a Union soldier or a Confederate soldier who is slain; war is deadly and dangerous to all involved. These are not monsters in a story they are fighting but actual people. By humanizing the enemy, the author shows that war is brutal for everyone, and raises sympathy for all the soldiers involved.
12. Answers will vary. Sample answer:
Henry feels both shame and pride. He remembers that he has behaved dishonorably, but dismisses it as a result of his inexperience. And although he received his red badge of courage accidentally, it gave him the confidence to transform into a brave soldier who is focused on his duty. Henry is proud of his final performances, and only feels guilt over the tattered soldier. I do think that Henry has proven himself to be a brave and fierce fighter. He overcame his earlier weaknesses and embraced his duty and role.