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

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| <p>1. Why is Henry so eager to battle?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ to make his mother proud Ⓑ to become a hero Ⓒ to kill Confederate soldiers Ⓓ to find out whether he is a coward or not <p>2. What is a difference between the tall soldier and Henry?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ The tall soldier seems unconcerned about battle. Ⓑ Henry is funny and makes the other soldiers laugh. Ⓒ The tall soldier is fighting for the other side. Ⓓ Henry has never fought in a battle before. <p>3. In this part, Henry wavers between two different views of his comrades, unsure if they are ____.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ greedy or generous Ⓑ heroic or cowardly Ⓒ selfish or brave Ⓓ smart or simple-minded | <p>4. Why do you think the author often refers to Henry as the youth?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ as a sign of affection Ⓑ to avoid being too repetitive Ⓒ as a reminder that Henry is very young Ⓓ to emphasize the nickname his comrades give him <p>5. Read this sentence from the story: <i>The young girl, with pink cheeks and shining eyes, stood like a dauntless statue.</i> What is the meaning of dauntless?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ expressionless Ⓑ stonelike Ⓒ perfect Ⓓ fearless |
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| <p>6. This story often explores the relationship between war and nature. Which of the following similes from the story helps develop this theme?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) <i>Tents sprang up like strange plants.</i> (B) <i>In the eastern sky there was a yellow patch like a rug laid for the feet of the coming sun . . .</i> (C) <i>The youth could occasionally see dark shadows that moved like monsters.</i> (D) <i>Staring once at the red eyes across the river, he conceived them to be growing larger, as the orbs of a row of dragons advancing.</i> <p>7. Why does Henry imagine a halo around the heads of his family's cows?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) He has always loved the cows. (B) He is very homesick. (C) He misses milking the cows. (D) The cows always behaved like angels. | <p>8. In this part, one soldier amuses the others with his biting sarcasms. What is the meaning of sarcasms?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) remarks that are intended to create mystery (B) remarks that are intended to build confidence (C) conflicting remarks that are intended to tease (D) remarks that are intend to create fear <p>9. The author describes Henry's fear as being a thousand-tongued monster. On the basis of that description, what can the reader conclude about Henry's feelings?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) Henry is overcoming all fears. (B) Henry is curious to understand his fear. (C) Henry is sad that he can't understand his fear. (D) Henry is overwhelmed with many fears. |
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10. Why is Henry so cold to the loud soldier?

- Ⓐ Henry is still questioning his own courage and is jealous of the other soldier's confidence.
- Ⓑ Henry is passionate about the war and is impatient with any soldier that seems conflicted about it.
- Ⓒ Henry is trying to prepare himself for the coming battle and doesn't want to listen the other soldier's fears.
- Ⓓ Henry is trying to improve his skills and is jealous of the other soldier's competence.

11. Extended Response: In this part of the story, Henry observes his comrades and decides that none of them are as frightened and conflicted as he is. Write a response that explains whether Henry's inference is correct or not, and why.

12. Extended Response: How does the setting of the story reflect Henry's state of mind? Use details from the text to support your answer.

1. Ⓓ *Analyze Character*
2. Ⓐ *Compare and Contrast*
3. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
4. Ⓒ *Author's Purpose*
5. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓐ *Text Structure*
7. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
8. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
9. Ⓓ *Analyze Character*
10. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
11. Answers will vary, but can indicate that Henry is correct or wrong, depending on the cited evidence. Sample answer: *Henry is mistaken in his thinking about the soldiers. He bases it all on their behaviors, the fact that he sees people laughing and joking and singing. However, Henry doesn't act as frightened as he feels inside, so it is very likely that they aren't showing their true feelings either. The soldiers are probably just as terrified as Henry, but are putting on a brave act and possibly trying to distract themselves from their own fear.*
12. Answers will vary but should describe the setting and analyze how it reflects Henry's thoughts. Sample answer: *The story so far has been set in a crowded military encampment by a river. It is frequently dark. The author describes a misty gloom and enemy campfires that dot the landscape. Long columns of soldiers marching are said to look like two serpents crawling from the cavern of the night. Henry is also in a rather gloomy state of mind. His head is as crowded as the encampment, only with thoughts and fears about how he will do once battle begins.*