

Classics Quick Check Level Z2

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

- **1.** What are the barbed missiles of ridicule that Henry anticipates?
 - A mocking insults about his cowardice
 - B questions about his head injury
 - © reprimands from the commanding officer
 - (I) enemy cannon fire
- 2. How does Henry's reception by his regiment compare to what he expected?
 - A The other soldiers treat him with the scorn and judgment that he expected.
 - B The other soldiers didn't notice Henry's absence and don't care that he is back.
 - © The other soldiers welcome Henry back and don't question his stories.
 - ① The other soldiers treat him with the respect and welcome that he expected.

- **3.** Why does Henry think that the sleeping soldiers are a prophecy?
 - (A) Henry is too preoccupied with death.
 - B Sleeping people always resemble the dead.
 - © Henry believes that they are dreaming about the future.
 - ① Many of them are likely to die in coming battles.
- **4.** Which of the following best describes how Wilson behaves toward Henry?
 - (A) annoyed and cruel
 - B kind and compassionate
 - © suspicious and judgmental
 - (1) indifferent and distant
- **5.** Read this sentence: Overhead the **foliage** moved softly. What is the meaning of **foliage**?
 - (A) rose petals
 - **B** grass
 - © plant leaves
 - (D) tall trees



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- 6. What detail does the author use to indicate that Henry feels guilty as Wilson dresses his wounds?
 - (A) He fiddles with his buttons and doesn't say anything.
 - **B** He argues with Wilson.
 - © He refuses to look at Wilson or any other soldiers.
 - ① He yells at Wilson for being rough.
- **7.** How has Wilson changed since Henry last saw him?
 - A Wilson is angrier and less patient.
 - B Wilson is wiser and more mature.
 - © Wilson is tougher and more interested in fighting.
 - Wilson is injured and less involved in the war.
- **8.** What caused the change in Wilson?
 - (A) a serious injury
 - B a promotion to corporal
 - (C) the beating he received
 - ① the experience of war

- **9.** In this part of the story, the author compares the sounding bugles to **gamecocks**. What is the meaning of **gamecocks**?
 - (A) clay pigeons
 - **B** trained fighting roosters
 - (iii) honking Canadian geese
 - (1) migrating ducks
- **10.** Why does Henry feel nervous around Wilson?
 - (A) Wilson might discover that Henry fled in battle.
 - B Henry fears Wilson will make his head wound worse.
 - © Wilson behaves in an aggressive, suspicious manner.
 - ① Henry thinks Wilson knows the soldier who hit him.
- 11. Extended Response: Compare Wilson and Henry. Use details from the story to support your answer.
- **12. Extended Response:** What do you think is the author's opinion of Henry? Explain your answer with details from the story.

Classics Quick Check Answer Key

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- 1. (A) Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- **2.** (C) Compare and Contrast
- 3. (D) Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- **4. B** Analyze Character
- 5. (Ĉ) Vocabulary
- 6. (A) Analyze Character
- 7. (B) Analyze Character
- **8.** (D) Cause and Effect
- **9.** B Vocabulary
- **10.** (A) Analyze Character

- 11. Answers will vary but should use story details to compare the two characters. Sample answer: Henry and Wilson are about the same age and were childhood friends before the war. After the battle, Wilson is brave, compassionate, and mature. Henry, on the other hand, is still self-absorbed, his major concern being whether he will be found out for deserting. He lies to Wilson and does not show the same compassion in return.
- 12. Answers will vary. Sample answer:

 I think that Crane does not have a very high opinion of Henry. In this part of the story, he describes Henry as inventing a complete falsehood by saying he was shot in the head. He also lies to his childhood friend Wilson as Wilson selflessly cares for Henry. The author chose to contrast an honorable soldier, Wilson, with Henry, as further evidence of his unfavorable opinion of Henry's character.

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