

ENGLISH IIB

Red Badge of Courage Comprehension Questions

Chapters 1-4

1. The Union Soldiers were camped on a hillside. They were discussing a rumor that was going around the camp. What was the rumor?
2. Who were the Union soldiers supposed to fight?
3. How did Henry feel about fighting the enemy?
4. What did Henry's mother say when he told her he had enlisted?
5. On the day Henry left to join the army his mother gave him advice on what he needed to be aware of. She told him to take care of himself and not to take on the whole Rebel army. What did Henry's mother tell him about the company he keeps?
6. When Henry was resting in his bunk he began to wonder how he would act on the battlefield. How did he feel and what was he worried about?
7. How did Jim feel about running into battle?
8. Wilson wanted his parents to have something and he gave it to Henry. What was it and why did he do it?
9. Why do you think the author refers to Henry as "the youth"?
10. Why do you think Henry enlisted in the army?

True or False

11. The tall soldier is Henry Fleming.
12. Henry joined the Union army.
13. Henry's mother wanted him to join the army.
14. The lieutenant was shot in the hand.
15. Saunders was crushed by the enemy.

Short Answer Questions

16. While Henry was waiting for the enemy to make a move, his thoughts went back to his childhood. Describe his thoughts.
17. Describe the actions of the general, colonel, and the captain when the enemy attacked the soldiers.
18. How did Henry feel about his comrades and why did he feel that way?
19. Describe what was going on in the confusion of the battle.
20. When the enemy retreated, Henry looked behind him. What did he see?
21. Henry couldn't believe the enemy was attacking them again. What did he expect the enemy to do?
22. What did many of the Union soldiers do when the Rebels attacked?
23. What did Henry think about when he saw the general in the woods? How did he feel?
24. Why did Henry think he had done the right thing? Explain his reasoning.
25. Why did Henry feel sorry for himself?

True or False

26. Henry was wounded when the army retreated.
27. Jim Conklin was afraid of being run over by the artillery wagons.
28. Jim died from a wound in his side.
29. Henry stayed and helped the tattered man.
30. Henry has many different feelings before, during and after the battle. Explain how you would feel if you were in the same situation.

Chapters 5-7

Questions

31. Why did Henry feel happy?
 - a. He finally was able to eat.
 - b. Everyone was retreating.
 - c. Another battle was starting.
32. Why did Henry want to be like the men who were heading to battle?
 - a. The men were older.
 - b. The men were paid for going to battle.
 - c. Henry believed the men were brave.
33. What did Henry lose in the battle?
 - a. rifle
 - b. shoes
 - c. watch.
34. Why was Henry afraid to find his regiment?
35. How did Henry explain his head injury to his regiment?
 - a. He was hit in the head with a rifle.
 - b. He was shot during the battle.
 - c. He fell and hit his head on a rock.

36. Why did Henry feel that it would be easier to be friends with Wilson?
37. What did Wilson ask Henry to give back to him?
 - a. The yellow packet of letters to his family.
 - b. His canteen.
 - c. His hat.
38. Why did Wilson still feel that he was a man?
39. Why did Henry feel that the general was a “lunkhead”?
40. How did the artillery battery help Henry’s regiment?
 - a. They shelled the enemy troops at a distance.
 - b. They gave Henry’s regiment more rifles.
 - c. They gave Henry’s regiment food.
41. Why did Henry feel that he deserved a rest?
42. What did Wilson think would happen if the enemy kept chasing their regiment?
 - a. He thought their regiment would be killed.
 - b. He thought their regiment would have to surrender.
 - c. He thought their regiment would be driven into the river.
43. What did Henry feel for the enemy?
 - a. hatred
 - b. sympathy
 - c. nothing.
44. Why were Henry’s comrades staring at him after the battle?
45. Why did the lieutenant want more men like Henry?
46. What did one of the men in Henry’s regiment call him?
 - a. War Hero
 - b. Wild Comrade
 - c. War Devil.

Chapters 8-10

Questions

47. What was the name of the wounded soldier?
 - a. Jimmie Rogers
 - b. Billy Johnson
 - c. Henry Fleming.
48. What did Henry and Wilson hear the general say to the officer?
49. How did the officer describe how the 304th regiment fought?
 - a. like boxers
 - b. like cowards
 - c. like mule drivers.
50. What could the regiment hear coming from the woods?
 - a. coyotes
 - b. yells by the Rebels
 - c. dogs.
51. What did the lieutenant tell Henry would happen if they did not cross the field?
 - a. They would be killed.
 - b. The enemy would capture them.
 - c. They would be kicked out of the regiment.
52. Write two reasons that Henry stayed close to the color sergeant.
53. What happened to the lieutenant?
 - a. He was shot in the arm.
 - b. He was shot in the foot.
 - c. He was killed.
54. Why did the Rebels retreat?
55. Why was the officer on the horse mad?
56. The colonel thought Fleming and Wilson should be:
 - a. colonels
 - b. lieutenants
 - c. major-generals.

57. What did the enemy use as protection?
 - a. trees
 - b. fence
 - c. shields.

58. How did Henry get the Rebel flag?

59. How many soldiers had been taken by Henry's regiment?
 - a. 10
 - b. 4
 - c. 6

60. Why was Henry amazed after he thought about the last two days?

61. Write two reasons that Henry felt ashamed of himself.