

Character-Based Literacy Program Assessment

The Red Badge of Courage, Week 1



Directions: Choose the letter representing the best answer for each question.

Name:

Date:

Period:

1. The narrator in this book is
 - a. Henry
 - b. Jim
 - c. A third person
 - d. Wilson
2. Wilson gave Henry letters to deliver home because
 - a. He believed it to be his last battle
 - b. He wanted Henry to meet his family
 - c. He wanted Henry to survive the war
 - d. He Wanted Henry to be responsible
3. Which state had most of the Civil War battles?
 - a. Tennessee
 - b. Georgia
 - c. Washington DC
 - d. Virginia
4. The word *regiment* most closely means
 - a. Trepidation
 - b. Brigade
 - c. Army
 - d. Team
5. Was Henry required to enlist in the Union Army?
 - a. No, he was under-age
 - b. No, he did not pass the military examinations
 - c. Yes, he was an adult
 - d. Yes, he was a New York resident
6. What did the tattered man want to know?
 - a. The location of the wound on Henry's body.
 - b. The location of the battle in which Henry was wounded.
 - c. The location of Henry's regiment.
 - d. The location of the Confederate troops.

7. How did Henry get his head injury?
 - a. He fell while he was running away from the front line.
 - b. A Confederate bullet grazed his scalp.
 - c. A Union Army soldier hit him on the head with a rifle.
 - d. He fainted during battle.
8. The word *formidable* most closely means
 - a. Powerful
 - b. Simple
 - c. Easy
 - d. Relentless
9. The word *disconcerted* most closely means
 - a. Confident
 - b. Amused
 - c. Taken aback
 - d. Indifferent
10. In what unit did Henry serve?
 - a. Artillery
 - b. Infantry
 - c. Cavalry
 - d. Security

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The Red Badge of Courage, Week 2



Directions: Choose the letter representing the best answer for each question.

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1. The word *altercation* most closely means
 - a. Treaty
 - b. Fight
 - c. Truce
 - d. Hostility
2. What Civil War battle does this book focus on?
 - a. Battle of Greenbrier River
 - b. Battle of Fredericksburg
 - c. Battle of Chancellorsville
 - d. Battle of Gettysburg.
3. When Henry rejoined his regiment, he fought with
 - a. Shame
 - b. Rage
 - c. Pity
 - d. Fear
4. When Henry gave Wilson his letters, he felt
 - a. Scared
 - b. Powerful
 - c. Canny
 - d. Virtuous
5. The word *vexation* most closely means
 - a. Oil
 - b. Anger
 - c. Fatigue
 - d. Acceptance
6. Why did the Union Army lose the battle?
 - a. The Confederate army was much larger
 - b. The Confederate army had better weapons
 - c. The Confederate army had better soldiers
 - d. The Confederate army had better tactics

7. How did Henry's response to the battle change over time?
 - a. He was less affected by the shock of the attacks.
 - b. He became more anxious and willing to desert the army.
 - c. He was unsure about the purpose of the war.
 - d. He was increasingly homesick.
8. The word *profound* most closely means
 - a. Professional
 - b. Great
 - c. Supernatural
 - d. Famous
9. During the retreat of the Union Army towards the Rappahannock River, what is Henry thinking about?
 - a. His deeds, achievements, and failures
 - b. His friendships and alliances
 - c. The importance of fighting a just war
 - d. The strength of the Union Army
10. The word *conviction* most closely means
 - a. Agitation
 - b. Belief
 - c. Sensation
 - d. Speculation

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Week 1

1. c
2. a
3. d
4. b
5. a
6. a
7. c
8. a
9. c
10. b

Week 2

1. b
2. c
3. b
4. d
5. b
6. d
7. a
8. b
9. a
10. b