

Comprehension Check

Tod Comes Home

Circle the best answer.

1. The Army of Tennessee was marching into Tennessee because:
 - a. The war was over.
 - b. General Hood wanted to raid the farms for supplies.
 - c. The army was headed to Nashville.
 - d. The Tennessee soldiers wanted to go home.

2. Who is Lena Carter?
 - a. She is Fount Carter's favorite granddaughter.
 - b. She is Moscow Carter's wife.
 - c. She is one of the Carter sisters.
 - d. She is a widowed sister-in-law.

3. Why did Tod and James Cooper leave the army?
 - a. They were assigned to spy on the enemy.
 - b. They both had passes to go home.
 - c. They decided to sneak off and go home.
 - d. They were ordered to lead the way to Franklin.

4. Why did Tod and James split up at Mr. Neely's house?
 - a. The chances of being caught would be lessened.
 - b. James was tired of riding and wanted to walk.
 - c. Rosencrantz could go no farther with two riders.
 - d. James went home, but Tod went back to the army.

5. Sarah Beth went to visit the Carters because:
 - a. she had prepared food for the party.
 - b. she had not heard from them all day.
 - c. the family sent for her.
 - d. she had a message from Tod.

6. On the way to the Carters' house, Sarah Beth saw:
 - a. a young Union soldier sitting by a fire.
 - b. James Cooper hiding behind a tree.
 - c. the Union army leaving Franklin.
 - d. two Carter children running to meet her.

7. What did Tod see on the Columbia Pike?
 - a. He saw the Army of Tennessee on a night march.
 - b. He saw wounded soldiers and dead horses.
 - c. He saw James Cooper coming back.
 - d. He saw men marching along the dark road.

8. Why was the old Confederate soldier not surprised by Tod's news?
 - a. General Hood had already told the men about it.
 - b. The soldiers could hear the Union army on the road.
 - c. The Confederates had chased the Union army out of Spring Hill.
 - d. He knew the pike was blocked farther to the north.

9. Why was Union General Cox at the Carters' house?
 - a. He came to order the family to pack up and leave.
 - b. He came to take supplies from the family.
 - c. He had a message for Fount from General Thomas.
 - d. He set up headquarters in the house.

10. Fount Carter went to get Sam because:
 - a. Mae had been hurt at the Carter house.
 - b. his mother Niecy was ill.
 - c. a battle was about to begin.
 - d. he was needed to fix the roof.

11. Why did Sarah Beth go to Jenny Cooper's house?
 - a. She had to warn James about the Union army.
 - b. She had a message for James from the Carter family.
 - c. She brought supplies for Jenny.
 - d. She came to take Jenny and her son to a safe place.

12. When Jenny came to the door, what surprised Sarah Beth?
 - a. Jenny pointed a pistol at Sarah Beth.
 - b. Jimmy was crying.
 - c. The Union soldiers had taken James away.
 - d. Jenny was sick with a fever.

13. What was Moscow Carter doing when a shell hit the house?
 - a. He was looking for his gun to join the fight.
 - b. He was helping the children get into the basement.
 - c. He was on the porch talking to the Union officers.
 - d. He was on a ladder watching the advancing army.

14. Why did Fount Carter not take his family away before the battle?
 - a. The Union officers would not let them leave.
 - b. He was told the battle would not take place there.
 - c. The street into town was blocked with troops.
 - d. They had no wagon to carry all the family.

15. Why did General Thomas Smith come to the Carters' house?
 - a. He was looking for Captain Tod Carter.
 - b. He wanted Fount Carter to follow him to where Tod was.
 - c. He told Mr. Carter that Tod had been taken prisoner.
 - d. He needed a place to hide from the Federals.

16. Who was first to find Captain Tod Carter?
- Lena
 - Moscow
 - Sam
 - Mary Alice
17. What happened to Tod's horse Rosencrantz?
- The horse ran away.
 - The horse was taken by Union soldiers.
 - The horse was taken by General Smith.
 - The horse was killed.
18. Fount and Sam took Tod:
- to a field hospital.
 - to the dining room table.
 - to the doctor's office.
 - to the basement.
19. Who were the surprise visitor(s) to the Carters' house?
- Sarah Beth and James
 - Sarah Beth, Jenny, and Jimmy
 - Sarah Beth and her father
 - Sarah Beth
20. To comfort James Cooper about his decision to go home, Moscow Carter told him:
- to go help with the wounded soldiers.
 - his purpose to be a father was more important than the battle.
 - there was a message from Tod for him.
 - the Confederates had won the battle.