

Comprehension Check ✓

Rebel in Petticoats

Circle the best answer.

- 1) The Civil War began on April 12, 1861 when:
 - a) Union ships fired upon Charleston.
 - b) Fort Sumter was fired upon by the Confederates.
 - c) the Confederates attacked Washington, D.C.
 - d) President Lincoln arrested the soldiers in Fort Sumter.

- 2) When news that the Civil War had begun reached Bud and his friends, their reaction was:
 - a) to spread the news and celebrate
 - b) to gather all their weapons and hide them.
 - c) sadness and despair.
 - d) shock and fear.

- 3) Colonel William Tecumseh Sherman, who later became a Yankee general, knew the Franklin family because:
 - a) Papa and Sherman had worked in the U.S. Congress together.
 - b) Sherman had been Papa's roommate at West Point.
 - c) Sherman was married to Mama's first cousin.
 - d) Sherman had been Bud's professor at the Louisiana Military Academy.

- 4) As soon as the Civil War began, Miss Rosalee Prentiss felt it was important to:
 - a) pack up everyone's things and leave.
 - b) organize sewing and fund-raising committees.
 - c) write letters to President Lincoln.
 - d) bury all their jewelry.

- 5) The Battle of Bull Run in July 1861 was important because:
- a) the South lost half its army.
 - b) the South claimed the first victory and retained control of northern Virginia.
 - c) the North gained control of northern Virginia.
 - d) the North captured five Confederate generals.
- 6) On the night of the big storm, Rachel and Lizbet were left alone in the house because:
- a) Lily had run away, and Mama and Josup went to find her.
 - b) Mama, Lily, and Josup were delivering supplies to Papa's soldiers.
 - c) Mama, Lily and Josup went to find Bud.
 - d) Josup had taken Mama and Lily to help deliver a baby.
- 7) The Anaconda Plan was a strategy designed by the Union to:
- a) take control of the border states, the Mississippi River, and the coastal ports to cut off the southern states.
 - b) take control of all the railroad and bridges in the South.
 - c) surround the Army of Virginia and squeeze it into surrender.
 - d) block all roads leading into the southern states.
- 8) Mama sent Rachel to Mrs. Gunther's house in the swamp to:
- a) deliver a letter to Mrs. Gunther.
 - b) take Mrs. Gunther a basket of food.
 - c) ask Mrs. Gunther if she would help pick cotton.
 - d) take Mrs. Gunther some material to sew Rachel a dress.
- 9) Bud and Suzanna did not wait for their planned wedding day to get married because:
- a) Suzanna's mother was too sick to wait any longer.
 - b) the family needed to flee their home.
 - c) Bud was ordered to join his unit in southern Kentucky to protect Tennessee from the Yankees.
 - d) Bud was ordered back to Mobile to break the blockade.

- 10) For Rachel's birthday, Bud's present was a:
- a) box with a beautiful new dress inside.
 - b) surprise visit by him to celebrate the day with her.
 - c) new journal.
 - d) crate containing a music box, seashells, and a letter.
- 11) The Rebels made a surprise attack on the Yankees at the Battle of Shiloh because:
- a) the Rebels wanted to attack Grant's army before Grant was reinforced by Buell's troops.
 - b) the Rebels knew Grant's army was leaving the next day for Nashville.
 - c) Confederate general Albert Sidney Johnston knew his troops outnumbered Grant's army two to one.
 - d) the Rebel cavalry had Grant's army surrounded.
- 12) During the last Rebel charge at Shiloh, what happened to Bud?
- a) He was captured by the Yankees.
 - b) He was hit while carrying a young wounded boy.
 - c) He captured twenty Yankees in the Hornet's Nest.
 - d) He carried his unit's flag across the open field.
- 13) What was the outcome of the two-day Battle of Shiloh?
- a) Grant's army was pushed back beyond the Tennessee River.
 - b) More than half of Grant's army was captured.
 - c) More than half of the Confederate soldiers were killed.
 - d) Grant's army was reinforced by Buell, and the Confederates retreated to Corinth.
- 14) While recuperating at home, Bud decided to return to his unit in Tupelo after receiving the news that:
- a) he had been promoted to captain.
 - b) Papa had been wounded.
 - c) the Yankees were attacking Tupelo.
 - d) his unit was marching to Kentucky.

15) When Suzanna's mother died, Rachel was given Mrs. Wade's:

- a) jewelry.
- b) favorite quilt.
- c) Bible.
- d) shoes and dresses.

16) After Mr. Yancey's warning to Mama that Yankees were close by, Papa made a surprise visit home because:

- a) he wanted to take the family to a safer place.
- b) he was wounded and needed help.
- c) he needed more supplies for his men.
- d) the Yankees had been captured by his men, and it was safe to come home.

17) The Yankees did not find Papa in the house because:

- a) he had escaped through the upstairs window.
- b) General Sherman had given orders not to search the Franklins' house.
- c) he was hidden in a trunk.
- d) Josup hid Papa in the swamp.

18) Lily sewed the orders for Papa's men in Rachel's petticoats so that the orders would not be found :

- a) when the Yankees burst into the house.
- b) if Rachel and Josup were stopped by the Yankees.
- c) when Papa was taken prisoner.
- d) if the Yankees ransacked the house.

19) What tragic event happened on November 30, 1864 at the Battle of Franklin?

- a) Bud was killed.
- b) Papa was killed.
- c) Bud was wounded and lost his leg.
- d) Papa was taken prisoner by the Yankees.

20) Soon after Rachel returned from the Rebel camp, why was Lily so upset?

- a) The Yankees had taken her best carving knife.
- b) Josup had become gravely ill from sleeping in the rain.
- c) She did not believe Papa would live.
- d) Lizbet had run away to freedom.