

Questioning

Using good questioning techniques before studying a subject or reading a book is a good way to generate interest. One good questioning routine (Harvard Project Zero) is to let students write on post-it notes what they *think* they know about the subject. The post-it notes can be put on a poster to refer to later after reading/studying has been done.

Then students can be asked what they would *like* to know about the subject. These questions are also written on post-it notes and put on a poster to guide the learning.

After reading or studying, it's interesting to see how students change from what they first *thought* about the subject as compared to what they now *know*. Many times the '*what I would like to know*' questions lead to enhanced interest and further research.

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Read to find out. (pre-reading)

Chapters 1-2

- 1) Why are the Carters planning a celebration?
- 2) What plans does General John Bell Hood have for the Army of Tennessee?
- 3) What is Fount Carter's omen?
- 4) What happened to Moscow Carter and Francis Carter in the army?
- 5) What was the obstacle for the Army of Tennessee on its march to Nashville?

After reading chapter 2, what questions do you have?

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Chapters 3-4

- 1) Why were Captain Tod Carter and Private James Cooper leaving the army?
- 2) What was happening at Spring Hill while Tod and James were visiting John Cooper and his family?
- 3) What information did Tod and James learn from Mr. Neely?
- 4) Why were the Federals forced to stay in Franklin?
- 5) Why did Sarah Beth go to the Carters' house?

After reading chapter 4, what questions do you have?

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Chapters 5-6

- 1) Who did Tod meet on the Columbia Pike on his way back to his men?
- 2) Why was the old Confederate soldier not surprised by Tod's news?
- 3) Why did General Cox come to the Carters' house?
- 4) Why did Fount Carter decide to keep the family at home?
- 5) Why was Sam afraid to leave his house?

After reading chapter 6, what questions do you have?

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Chapters 7-8

- 1) Why did Sarah Beth go to Jenny Cooper's house?
- 2) What surprised Sarah Beth at Jenny's house?
- 3) Where was Moscow when the cannon shell hit the porch?
- 4) What happened to the Carter family during the battle?
- 5) Why was Fount Carter so distraught?

After reading chapter 8, what questions do you have?

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Chapters 9-11

- 1) What are the reasons Tod did not give the order to advance?
- 2) What happened to Tod in the battle? b) What happened to Rosencrantz?
- 3) Why did General Smith come to the Carters' house after the battle?
- 4) Who found Tod?
- 5) What did the Carter family do to help Tod?

After reading chapter 11, what questions do you have?

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Think About It (post-reading)

- 1) Why were the Federal officers so sure the battle would not be near the Carters' house?
- 2) Why did General John Bell Hood make a frontal attack on the Union line?
- 3) How do you think James Cooper was able to get home on the eve of the battle?
- 4) How would the battle have been different if the Union advanced line had retreated into their lines sooner?
- 5) Why were there so many casualties in just five hours of fighting?

What if . . .

- 1) the Confederates had blocked the pike at Spring Hill on the eve of the battle?
- 2) Tod had been able to get home before the battle?
- 3) Sarah Beth had been able to talk to Tod after the battle?
- 4) James Cooper had gone back to the army with Tod?
- 5) the Union army had been able to cross the Harpeth River as they had planned?

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What I *Think* I Know About the Battle of Franklin:

What I Would *Like* to Know About the Battle of
Franklin:
