

The Red Badge of Courage

Discussion Questions

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2. How does nature treat the youth when he runs into the woods?
3. What emotion does Henry feel when he thinks of his home at times?
4. Whom does Henry blame for his enlistment in the army when he is feeling afraid early in the novel?
5. How does Henry Fleming rationalize his desertion early in the novel?
6. What was one of Henry's "new laws of life."
7. If it were true that Henry changed his soul by changing himself, what change allowed Henry to move from turmoil to tranquility?
8. How did Henry contend with the haunting ghosts from his past?
9. Explain: "The past held no pictures of error and disappointment."
10. What connotation did "war devil" have?
11. What effect did the panther-like clashing of the two armies have upon Henry?