

Owl Creek Bridge

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Vocabulary: meanings of words from the story

1 fort 2 cannon 3 scout 4 rifle 5 trigger 6 barrel 7 muzzle 8 cavalry 9 saddle
10 reins 11 pickets 12 earthworks 13 shotgun 14 cord 15 uniform 16 hang
17 defend 18 destroy 19 inquest 20 coroner 21 obstacle 22 stain 23 invade
24 undertaker 25 defeat

Writing: rewrite sentences

- 1 It took half a minute to reload their rifles.
- 2 Yankee soldiers built a fort near the bridge.
- 3 The people of Brownsville enjoyed gossiping.
- 4 She has had a terrible shock and is upset.
- 5 A coroner held an inquest to decide how the girl died.
- 6 I ask you to be silent.
- 7 It was the scream of a wild animal.
- 8 Private Jerome Searing was a scout.
- 9 Pickets guarded the edge of our camp.
- 10 What was he doing in the middle of this desert?
- 11 We were going to California to find gold.
- 12 There was only one obstacle that prevented us from reaching Atlanta.
- 13 Our regiment camped for the night.
- 14 The general gave Brayle's belongings to another officer in our regiment.
- 15 There was a red stain on the letter.

Vocabulary: anagrams

1 ridge 2 coward 3 cavalryman 4 explore 5 retreat 6 witness 7 death certificate
8 guardian 9 gossip 10 threaten 11 boarding house 12 permission 13 expression
14 occult 15 recognize 16 foolish 17 railroad 18 declare 19 defend 20 destroy

Grammar: syntax

- 1 You don't have to ring the bell or knock on the door.
- 2 There was a path that ran through the forest on the hill.
- 3 Eight men were sitting together in an empty room of a small house.
- 4 The gun was also trapped among the pieces of wood and other parts of the roof.
- 5 Adrian was waiting for Jerome to return and report about the enemy's pickets.
- 6 A man can go crazy if he is alone in this empty place.
- 7 Most people in the northern states believed that slavery was wrong.
- 8 Our front line was often less than one hundred yards away from the enemy.

Vocabulary choice: *words which are related in meaning*

1 plants 2 tools 3 riches 4 unknown 5 vanish 6 stream 7 sunrise 8 point
9 visitor 10 quiet

Vocabulary: *opposite meanings*

1 dim 2 cool 3 familiar 4 ask 5 thick 6 refuse 7 hard 8 fat