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Great Books: *The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane

1. Three essential questions of this book are

- What is it like to face_____?
- What would you _____ _____ ?
- What would you _____ _____ ?

1. The main character's name is _____, and the book details what is going on

in his _____ .

3. This book is similar to *The Things They Carried* in several ways. It concerns only regular

_____, not high-ranking officers. It also concerns issues of _____, fear

and _____ . It portrays _____ realistically; what it

isn't about is _____ .

4. How much time does the novel cover?
a. ten days b. five years c. two days d. two months

5. Henry Fleming, the main character, joins the _____ Army.

6. Unlike Tim O'Brien, Henry has dreamed of _____ all his life, and fancies himself a hero at first.

7. Like the men of Alpha Company, however, Henry is afraid he will not be able to

_____ _____ .

8. The _____, Stephen Crane, died at age 28.He was the first _____

writer on war even though he had never been to one when he wrote *The Red Badge of Courage*.

9. The novel was written in the year _____ .

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[**Note:** Jim, the Tall Soldier, may not exactly be a "friend from back home." He is portrayed as a somewhat more experienced soldier—or at least an older person— than Henry.]

10. After flunking out of college, Crane moved to _____ , where he wrote features for local papers. He transformed himself into a brilliant and original_____ .

11. His first novel was about a _____ .

12. Before writing about war, Crane read _____ about it.

13. In the Civil War, soldiers from each side were _____ to each other, so it was an intimate kind of _____ .

14. There was no ____ for Civil War enlistees.
a. payment b. basic training c. loyalty d. mayhem

15. What does Henry do during his one of his first battles?
a. deserts b. dies c. kills an enemy captain d. cries

16. He _____ his actions because by running he had saved himself, who was a part of the _____ .

17. The battle of ____ is the model for the battle in the book.
a. Antietam b. Gettysburg c. Shiloh d. Chancellorsville

18. Henry's actions were actually _____, as opposed to what people are taught to do in the military.

19. After Conklin dies, Henry wishes he has a _____, a "red badge of courage." This comes in the form of one inflicted by another _____, but Henry tells other soldiers that he was _____ .

20. After *The Red Badge of Courage* became a best-seller, publishers wanted to hire Crane as a _____ reporter, even though the book was fiction. So, he did go to _____ to see what it was really like—but not before he almost got killed in a _____!

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21. Unfortunately, Crane already suffered from ____ , although he didn't let it keep him from experiencing all sorts of _____ before he died.
a. a heart attack… pain b. cancer… adventures
c. a deformed hand… battles d. tuberculosis… adventures

22. So, Crane wrote a detailed fictional account of _____ first, and then experienced it first-hand later on.

23. Oddly, many people who have been through it see not only the horror but also the

_____ of war.

24. Later in *The Red Badge of Courage*, Henry and his company are sent on what is essentially a

_____ _____ .

25. The flag-bearer is killed, and Henry _____ the _____ , making him a target and thus a sort of hero.