

## Jethro's Changing View Answer Key

### (Sample Responses)

#### Beginning of the Novel (Jethro's Early View)

- Evidence: Jethro imagines the war as exciting, full of glory and heroes.
- Jethro's Thoughts: He thinks battles will be quick and victory certain.

#### End of the Novel (Jethro's Later View)

- Evidence: After reading about Shiloh, Tom's death, and Shadrach's injuries, Jethro recognizes war as brutal and devastating.
- Jethro's Thoughts: He understands the toll of loss, grief, and sacrifice.

#### Similarities & Differences

- Similarity: Jethro always cares deeply about the outcome of the war.
- Difference: At first, he is naive and hopeful, but by the end, he views war as tragic and costly.

#### Short Response (Sample)

Jethro's change from romanticizing war to recognizing its harsh reality shows how hardship forces children to mature. The war teaches him responsibility as he takes over the farm. The personal losses make him see that war is not about glory but about survival and sacrifice. His journey reflects how ordinary people, not just soldiers, are transformed by conflict.