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Decisions in War

Instructions: In *Across Five Aprils*, characters face difficult choices that raise **moral dilemmas**. Read each situation below. Decide whether the character's choice was **justified** or **not justified**. Then, write down at least one **reason for your opinion** and one **piece of text evidence**. Afterward, prepare to debate your viewpoint with a partner or small group.

1. Bill's Decision

Bill chooses to fight for the Confederacy, even though most of his family supports the Union.

Was this justified? (Yes/No): _____

Reason: _____

Text Evidence: _____

2. Shadrach Yale's Choice

Shadrach leaves teaching and enlists in the Union army, despite the risks.

Was this justified? (Yes/No): _____

Reason: _____

Text Evidence: _____

3. Jethro's Responsibility

Jethro takes on adult duties of running the farm after his father falls ill.

Was this justified? (Yes/No): _____

Reason: _____

Text Evidence: _____

4. Neighbors' Actions

Some neighbors threaten and harass the Creighton family because of Bill's choice.

Was this justified? (Yes/No): _____

Reason: _____

Text Evidence: _____