

## Decisions in War Answer Key

### (Sample Responses)

#### 1. Bill's Decision

- Justified: Yes, because he followed his conscience even though it hurt his family.
- Not Justified: No, because it divided his family during a time they needed unity.
- Evidence: Bill tells Jethro he cannot fight for something he doesn't believe in.

#### 2. Shadrach Yale's Choice

- Justified: Yes, he believed in the Union cause and felt it was his duty.
- Evidence: Shadrach tells Jethro he must fight for what he teaches about justice and freedom.

#### 3. Jethro's Responsibility

- Justified: Yes, because he stepped up for his family when no one else could.
- Evidence: After Matthew's illness, Jethro takes over the farm work, showing his maturity.

#### 4. Neighbors' Actions

- Not Justified: No, punishing the whole family for Bill's choice was unfair.
- Evidence: The Creightons are harassed even though they remained loyal to the Union.