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Understanding Aprils

Instructions: Circle the letter of the best answer for each comprehension question.

1. Why is Jethro especially excited at the beginning of the novel?

- A. He gets to help his father plow the fields.
- B. He is finally old enough to go to school.
- C. He hears talk of war and imagines it will be exciting.
- D. He gets a new horse of his own.

2. Which brother chooses to fight for the Confederacy?

- A. Tom
- B. Shadrach
- C. John
- D. Bill

3. What tragic news does the Creighton family receive during this section?

- A. Tom is killed in battle.
- B. Shadrach is captured.
- C. Matthew Creighton dies.
- D. Bill is imprisoned.

4. Why does Jethro begin reading newspapers regularly?

- A. To learn how to write editorials.
- B. To keep up with war news and understand events.
- C. Because his teacher assigns newspaper reports.
- D. To find out where Bill is fighting.

5. What event deeply shocks Jethro and the nation near the end of the book?

- A. The surrender at Appomattox.
- B. The Emancipation Proclamation.
- C. The Battle of Gettysburg.
- D. Lincoln's assassination.