**Chapter 1 Preparing for Death**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. I think someone will almost die in this chapter.  
2. I think a man is about to be hanged.  
3. He feels terrible and horrified.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.  
(c)

B. Put a check √ next to the people mentioned in the story so far.

√ a man waiting to be hanged a large group from the South

√ soldiers from the North √ a commanding officer

the man’s family a captain

√ a sergeant

**Chapter 2 The Hanged Man**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. I think the man be hanged. Because the story is about the hanged man.  
2. He is thinking about his family.  
3. I think it is during a war time. The man might be on the other side of the soldiers.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.  
(a)

B. What does the man look like? Circle the correct words.

1. His (**smart / dirty**) clothes suggested that he was rich.

2. He had a (**straight / crooked**) nose, firm mouth, and well-shaped head.

3. His long, (**light / dark**) hair was brushed straight back.

4. His eyes were large and dark (**blue / gray**).

5. He had a (**kind / mean**) expression on his face.

**Chapter 3 An Evil Trick**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. I think he ends up being a bad person.  
2. I think he is speaking to a solder dressed in the gray of the South.  
3. I think they are talking about the war.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.  
(a)

B. Put the information in the right place.

1. First, b 2. Next, a 3. After that, d 4. In the end, c

**Chapter 4 In the River**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. I think he will escape from the rope and come out of the river.  
2. He is in the river.  
3. I do not think he will drown in the river. He will escape.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.  
(a)

B. Write the information in the right sentence.

**In the Water**

Peyton woke up in the water. His entire boy was in terrible pain.

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His hands pulled free from their ties. He started swimming up.

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He removed the rope around his neck. Soon his head broke the surface of the water.

**Chapter 5 The Hunt Begins**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. Yes, they will try to capture Peyton. Because Peyton was escaped from them.  
2. Peyton is swimming away from the bridge while the North soldiers are shooting at him.  
3. I think he will be very afraid of getting caught again because he was just escaped from his death.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.  
(c)

B. Match and write the information in the right place.

Peyton could see • • the rush of a fish’s body as it swam past him

Peyton could feel • • every sound and feel every movement

Peyton could hear • • every individual tree and leaf and all the insects on them.

**Chapter 6 Free at Last?**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. Yes, he will. He is alone from the soldiers and the bridge he was hanged in the illustration.  
2. He is at the river bank now.  
3. I think he will run as far as he could from the bridge and head home.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.  
(b)

B. Put the information in the right place.

1. e 2. b 3. f 4. a 5. d 6. g 7. c

**Chapter 7 The Journey Home**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. Yes, it will be difficult. Because he is running away from the soldiers who want to kill him.  
2. He is in the dark wood.   
3. I think he knows his way back home. Because his plantation is not far from the bridge.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.  
(a)

B. Write T for True or F for False.

1. T

2. T

3. T

4. F

5. F

6. T

7. F

8. T

**Chapter 8 Peyton Finds Rest**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. No, he will not. Because he was hanged on the bridge and finally finds rest.  
2. He is meeting his wife in the illustration.  
3. No, he is dreaming.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.  
(c)

B. Put the information in the right place.

First A stunning blow hit Peyton on the back of the neck.

Next A blinding white light shone all around him.

In the End He heard a loud sound, then all was silent. Peyton was dead.