Great Books: *The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane

1. Three essential questions of this book are
   - What is it like to face__________________?
   - What would you _____________ _____________?
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1. The main character’s name is ____________________, and the book details what is going on in his ____________________.

3. This book is similar to *The Things They Carried* in several ways. It concerns only regular __________________, not high-ranking officers. It also concerns issues of _____________, fear and _____________ . It portrays ________________ realistically; what it isn’t about is ________________.

4. How much time does the novel cover?
   a. ten days          b. five years          c. two days          d. two months

5. Henry Fleming, the main character, joins the ________________ Army.

6. Unlike Tim O’Brien, Henry has dreamed of ________________ all his life, and fancies himself a hero at first.

7. Like the men of Alpha Company, however, Henry is afraid he will not be able to ________________  __________.

8. The ________________, Stephen Crane, died at age 28. He was the first ________________ writer on war even though he had never been to one when he wrote *The Red Badge of Courage*.

9. The novel was written in the year ________________.

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Note: Jim, the Tall Soldier, may not exactly be a “friend from back home.” He is portrayed as a somewhat more experienced soldier—or at least an older person—than Henry.

10. After flunking out of college, Crane moved to _______________________, where he wrote features for local papers. He transformed himself into a brilliant and original_________________________.

11. His first novel was about a ________________________. 

12. Before writing about war, Crane read ______________________ about it.

13. In the Civil War, soldiers from each side were ___________ to each other, so it was an intimate kind of ____________________________.

14. There was no ____ for Civil War enlistees.
   a. payment       b. basic training        c. loyalty       d. mayhem

15. What does Henry do during his one of his first battles?
   a. deserts        b. dies                   c. kills an enemy captain       d. cries

16. He ______________________ his actions because by running he had saved himself, who was a part of the ____________.

17. The battle of ____ is the model for the battle in the book.

18. Henry’s actions were actually __________________________, as opposed to what people are taught to do in the military.

19. After Conklin dies, Henry wishes he has a _________________________, a “red badge of courage.” This comes in the form of one inflicted by another ____________________________, but Henry tells other soldiers that he was ________________.

20. After The Red Badge of Courage became a best-seller, publishers wanted to hire Crane as a _________________ reporter, even though the book was fiction. So, he did go to ____________ to see what it was really like—but not before he almost got killed in a ___________________________.

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21. Unfortunately, Crane already suffered from ____, although he didn’t let it keep him from experiencing all sorts of ______ before he died.
   a. a heart attack… pain   b. cancer… adventures
   c. a deformed hand… battles  d. tuberculosis… adventures

22. So, Crane wrote a detailed fictional account of ______ first, and then experienced it first-hand later on.

23. Oddly, many people who have been through it see not only the horror but also the ______________ of war.

24. Later in *The Red Badge of Courage*, Henry and his company are sent on what is essentially a ________________  ___________________.

25. The flag-bearer is killed, and Henry ____________ the ____________, making him a target and thus a sort of hero.