

## Across Five Aprils: Literature Test

I. Match each name with a description of the character. Write the corresponding letter on the line.

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| _____ 1. Jethro Creighton | A. newspaper editor and friend to the Creighton family                     |
| _____ 2. Matt Creighton   | B. farmer, respected town leader, has a heart attack                       |
| _____ 3. Jenny Creighton  | C. schoolteacher and Union soldier   |
| _____ 4. Shadrach Yale    | D. young lady who marries the schoolteacher                                |
| _____ 5. Dave Burdow      | E. town ruffian who burns the Creightons barn                              |
| _____ 6. Ross Milton      | F. cousin who deserts the Union army                                       |
| _____ 7. Guy Wortman      | G. neighbor who protects the youngest son and sends logs to the Creightons |
| _____ 8. Eb Carron        | H. young boy who must grow up quickly during the Civil War                 |

II. Choose the correct answer and write its corresponding letter on the line.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. What is the setting (time and place) of *Across Five Aprils*?
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| A. Illinois; WWII | B. Kentucky; Civil War |
| C. Kentucky; WWI  | D. Illinois; Civil War |
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Which of the Creighton brothers enlists with the Confederate army?
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| A. John   | B. Bill |
| C. Jethro | D. Tom  |
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. What is the name of the cousin who brings news of the family in Kentucky?
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| A. Eb    | B. Guy  |
| C. Wilse | D. Ross |
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. What does Tom mean when he writes, "You tell Jeth that bein' a soljer aint so much"?
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| A. Tom enjoys being a soldier  | B. Tom is disillusioned with the war |
| C. Tom is excited about battle | D. All of the above                  |
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. What is Ellen ashamed of becoming dependent upon? The Creightons run out of this during the war.
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| A. coffee | B. vegetables |
| C. bacon  | D. medicine   |
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. What gift does Sam Gardiner give to Jethro?
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| A. beef jerky | B. peppermint sticks |
| C. gumdrops   | D. lollipops         |

- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. What does Ross Milton do for Jethro while Jethro was in town?  
A. defends the Creighton family  
B. buys him dinner  
C. gives him a book on grammar  
D. all of the above
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Who rides along with Jethro on his wagon during his trip home?  
A. Dave Burdow  
B. Bill Creighton  
C. Sam Gardiner  
D. Ross Milton
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. What does Jenny receive that causes a rift for a short time between her and Jethro?  
A. a letter from Tom  
B. a dress from her mother  
C. a package from Bill  
D. a letter from Shadrach
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. What do the ruffians do to the Creighton family's water well?  
A. knock it down  
B. throw oil in it  
C. drain out the water  
D. throw rotten food into it
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. Where do the Creighton's record their births, deaths, and marriages?  
A. in a ledger  
B. the backside of a map  
C. in the Bible  
D. in a lockbox
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. Where did the oldest Creighton brother go to live?  
A. Colorado during the Gold Rush  
B. California during the Gold Rush  
C. Kentucky to live with family  
D. Left on the Oregon Trail
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. How could a man avoid the draft during the Civil War?  
A. move to Europe  
B. volunteer to help the church  
C. send another family member  
D. pay someone to take his place
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. Who lives at Point Prospect?  
A. Abraham Lincoln  
B. deserters  
C. General Lee  
D. federal employees
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23. Who are the Federal Registrars looking for when they come to the Creighton home?  
A. Eb  
B. Bill  
C. Jethro  
D. Tom
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24. Who does Jethro write for advice to help his cousin?  
A. Tom  
B. Ross Milton  
C. Abraham Lincoln  
D. General Grant
- \_\_\_\_\_ 25. What news devastates Jethro just after the end of the Civil War?  
A. Tom is killed  
B. Lincoln is assassinated  
C. His father died  
D. Jenny is married

Bonus: (4pts)

1. How many of the Creighton children died from illness when Jethro was a baby?
2. What is the meaning of the book's title, *Across Five Aprils*?

