



Vocabulary

Beside each word in Column A write the correct synonym or definition from Column B.

	COLUMN A	CORRECT MEANING		COLUMN B
1.	convalescence		a.	thoughtful
2.	ominous		b.	console
3.	dispatched		c.	plot
4.	profound		d.	gaiety
5.	indignant		e.	recovery
6.	conspiracy		f.	border
7.	perimeter		g.	sent
8.	consummate		h.	angry
9.	commiserate		i.	ultimate
10.	levity		j.	foreboding

Questions

1. The **climax** of a story usually occurs at the most exciting or important point of the plot. Where do you think the climax of **War Horse** occurs?
2. Investigate: Research the exact date that World War I ended.
3. How had David been killed? Describe Albert's reaction to this event.
4. What did the army determine would be the fate of Joey and the other horses?
5. What did the major decide to do about this?
6. Why was it so important that Monsieur Cirac not win the bidding for Joey?
7. Why was the old Frenchman so determined to buy Joey?
8. What important condition did the old man require of Albert before he turned Joey over to him?

Lights, Camera, Action

A popular version of the novel **War Horse** has been made into a movie by filmmaker Steven Spielberg. Suppose that you had been the casting director for this exciting project. Who would you cast for the principal roles:

- Albert –
- Albert's father -
- Albert's mother –

- Major Nicholls –
- Friedrich -
- The old Frenchman –
- Emilie –
- David –
- Sergeant Thunder –
- Major Martin –
- Monsieur Cirac -
- _____ –
- _____ –

You may wish to choose Hollywood actors for this task, or for some fun, limit your choices to people in your school (teachers and students). Beside each selection write a brief explanation for your choice.