

Chapter 4

1. Describe father's behaviour at the start of this chapter.
2. Describe the events that were happening in the village.
3. What did Captain Nicholls look like?
4. What kind of person do you think Captain Nicholls is?
Justify
5. How does the Vet describe Joey?
6. Why do you think father started to cry?
7. What does this show about him?
8. Do you think that Albert's father was right to sell Joey?
Justify your opinion.
9. How do you think Albert is feeling at the end of this chapter?
10. Do you believe Albert's promise to Joey? Why?
11. Define the following words:
 - regiment (P29)
 - apprehension (P28)
 - specimen (P31)
 - unconsolable (P32)

Chapter 5

1. How does Joey describe his transformation at the start of the chapter?
2. How does Joey describe Corporal Perkins? Use words and phrases from the passage.
3. What kind of person is Captain Nicholls? How do we know this?
4. Why is Captain Nicholls worried about the machine gun?
5. What do the soldiers have to learn to do if they are to win the war?
6. Does Captain Nicholls think that it is a good idea to have horses fighting in the war? Why
7. Why do you think Corporal Perkins was kinder and gentler towards Joey?
8. Describe the character of Tophorn? Do you think he will be kind to Joey?
9. In what way is the setting of the chapter about to change?
10. Imagine you are Captain Nicholls about to sail across to France. Describe in two paragraphs how you might be feeling and what you think will happen.

Chapter 6

1. Why were the soldiers 'buoyant with optimism' at the start of the chapter.
2. Why do you think the horses did not enjoy the journey to France?
3. Describe in detail why the soldiers became 'silent and sombre' as they docked in France?
4. How did Tophorn support Joey?
5. How does Joey describe his relationship with Captain Nicholls?
6. Why do you think the men had swords? Was this a good idea?
7. Why do you think that Joey kept on running after he lost Captain Nicholls?
8. How do you feel about the death of Captain Nicholls?
9. How do you think Joey feels about the loss of Captain Nicholls?
10. Define the following words and phrases:
 - 'extravagant reminiscences' (P53)
 - 'an air of great exuberance and expectancy' (P46)
 - 'jocular spirits' (P48)