

Vocabulary Chapter 9

Retreat to Victory

1. armistice
2. consternation
3. florid
4. infantry
5. inscrutable
6. perfidious
7. precarious
8. reconnoiter
9. rumination
11. subterfuge
12. succor
13. tattoo (military def)
14. template

Questions Chapter 9

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1. Why did one of Santa Anna officers lament that after another such victory [the Alamo] they would all go to the devil?
2. How many men died defending the Alamo?
3. How many Mexican soldiers were killed or wounded in the attack[according to Ruiz; there is some debate over the number]?
4. Into how many “prongs” did Santa Anna split his men?
5. What was Santa Anna’s primary weapon?
6. Why did Fannin have trouble obtaining information in south Texas?
7. What did Houston order done when he heard that the citizens of Gonzales had left behind poisoned liquor for the Mexican army?
8. Why did Fannin think that Urrea would spare them?
9. What did Houston do when Captain Baker refused to obey his orders?
10. Why was Santa Anna in such a hurry to get to Harrisburg?
11. Why did Houston suggest that Seguin and his men stay behind with the baggage at Harrisburg?
12. Why did Houston not want to fight on April 20th?
13. What did Houston say when Santa Anna, his prisoner, suggested that he be “generous with the vanquished”?

Test Chapter 9 Retreat to Victory

Name _____

Matching

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|--------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| _____1. armistice | A. treacherous |
| _____2. precarious | B. a low wall used as a defense in battle |
| _____3. perfidious | C. truce |
| _____4. subterfuge | D. deception; artifice |
| _____5. succor | E. uncertain; risky |
| | F. help |

Multiple Choice

- _____1. Fannin had difficulty obtaining information in south Texas because
- A. his officers had been captured
 - B. there were many "Tories" (loyalists)
 - C. Urrea's cavalry had overrun the country
 - D. his men were incompetent
- _____2. How many men died defending the Alamo?
- A. 182
 - B. 600
 - C. 32
 - D. 1500
- _____3. Santa Anna's main weapon was
- A. his siege guns
 - B. his troops from Zacatecas
 - C. fear
 - D. brilliant military strategy

