

The Red Badge of Courage

Stephen Crane

Why does Henry's final confidence require him to remember his shame rather than erase it?

TOTAL TIME

PASSAGE

30 minutes	Henry revises his definition of manhood
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FIND THE ANCHOR TEXT

Use the Anchor Text Table of Contents in the Enhanced Reader to open the START anchor. Then use the dropdown to select the END anchor.

SECTION / LOCATION	Chapter XXIV
START	Nevertheless, the ghost of his flight from the first engagement appeared to him and danced.
END	He had been to touch the great death, and found that, after all, it was but the great death. He was a man.
PASSAGE ID	sec-rbc-04

THE MOVE

Distinguish growth from forgetting past failure

WHY THIS PASSAGE

Henry's final sense of manhood is credible because the memory of his earlier flight remains available to challenge self-congratulation. Growth does not erase shame; it changes what he can do with it.

MARK

Underline the places Henry takes pride in later courage. Circle the return of the memory of his flight. Star the line where he reaches a self-judgment that includes both rather than deleting either.

NOTICE

- What would Henry's confidence look like if he simply forgot his earlier failure?
- How does shame keep pride from becoming another false self-story?
- Why is remembering failure necessary to the final claim that he has become a man?

THINK

Answer provisionally: Why does Henry's final confidence require him to remember his shame rather than erase it? Choose the strongest interpretation you can defend from this passage alone.

WRITE

Write a short evidence-based response to: Why does Henry's final confidence require him to remember his shame rather than erase it? Use at least two details from the assigned passage and explain how they support your interpretation.

CLOSE

Name the single detail that most changed or sharpened your interpretation, and explain why.

STRONG ANSWER	Henry's final confidence is stronger because it incorporates rather than erases the memory of running. Shame limits self-glorification and lets later courage become growth instead of another false heroic story.
EVIDENCE	Use both his pride in later action and the remembered flight or desertion that still troubles him.
WATCH FOR	Do not treat shame as evidence he has failed to grow. Remembering failure is part of the more honest self-judgment.
SOLO	Read the exact passage independently.
SUPPORTED	Use narration and sentence highlighting while reading the same passage.
LISTENING	Listen to the exact passage; visual following is optional. Same question and evidence demand.

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OPEN THE MARKED PASSAGE IN TUMBLELIT

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1. MARK - Underline the places Henry takes pride in later courage. Circle the return of the memory of his flight. Star the line where he reaches a self-judgment that includes both rather than deleting either.
2. NOTICE - What would Henry's confidence look like if he simply forgot his earlier failure? How does shame keep pride from becoming another false self-story? Why is remembering failure necessary to the final claim that he has become a man?
3. THINK - Answer provisionally: Why does Henry's final confidence require him to remember his shame rather than erase it?
4. WRITE - Write a short response using at least two pieces of evidence from this passage.

Use evidence from the assigned passage. Show what you noticed and how the text supports your interpretation.