



## Student Quiz/Essay Contest

**All students must answer the 9 chapter questions (5 points each) and complete the essay (55 points).**

**Essay question:** *In "I Will Come Home," Becky Harrington struggles with a decision and turns to others to sort things out in her own mind. Imagine you are faced with a very difficult decision. Who would you talk to in order to help you decide what was the best thing to do? Why would you choose that person or persons? See judging rubrics for more details on how points will be determined.*

## Rules

1. To enter, each student can answer the attached quiz *or* go online and complete the student quiz/essay found at <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e6u9cff7hb86wrbt/start>
2. This student evaluation is made up of 9 questions, one for each chapter of the serial story, "I Will Come Home," and one essay question or illustration. The chapter questions are worth 5 points each. The essay is worth a total of 55 points, for a total of 100 points.
3. Students can go back and change answers until they hit the final submission button. There is no time limit. However, Constant Contact or internet connection issues may disrupt your submission. The first complete attempt is the one that will be considered for submission to the contest.
4. The essay must be no more than 150 words (or 1000 characters) long. Students are expected to use proper English. Spelling and punctuation count. Use of texting shorthand or emoticons will result in disqualification. Students should type their essay first into a word processing program and paste it into the essay portion of this quiz to avoid a technical glitch from wiping out their work. If completing the quiz/essay on paper, the essay may be typed into a computer, printed out and attached to the paper quiz.
5. Two top entries will be selected for each participating newspaper. There will be up to 6 regional winners from across the state. After state winners have been determined, the names of all winners will announced via a press release to all daily newspapers across New York State. Judges decisions are final.
6. Winners will be notified by phone or email through their school.

7. Employees of the local newspaper and their immediate family members are not eligible to win.
8. Each entry must be the sole product of the student's work. The student's name and complete contact information **MUST** be entered at the time of submission to be eligible. This information includes:
  - a. Newspaper used to follow the story (either in-print or online)
  - b. Student's full name
  - c. Student's grade
  - d. School name (If home schooled type home)
  - e. School address (If home schooled provide home address)
  - f. Teacher's name
  - g. Teacher's email address or school phone number (to notify student winners)
9. Students must be in grades 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8. Students may enter by mail or through any internet connection available to them but **MUST** include the above contact information.
10. Mailed entries must be received by Friday, May 10, 2013 and mailed to NYNPA, I Will Come Home Contest Entry, 252 Hudson Avenue, Albany, NY 12210-1802. Entries completed online at <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e6u9cff7hb86wrbt/start> must be submitted no later than Friday, May 10, 2013 at 4:00 pm. All entries must include answers to the 9 chapter questions and the contact information listed under Rule 9.
11. If you have any questions regarding this project please email Mary Miller at [mmiller@nynpa.com](mailto:mmiller@nynpa.com).

# Student Quiz/Essay/Illustration

All students must answer questions 1 through 9. Please circle the correct answer. (5 points each)

1. Where is Betsy Harrington's brother Jimmy?

- Away at school
- Off fighting with the North in the Civil War
- In Andersonville, Georgia in a prison camp
- Working on Mr. Vanderlees' farm

2. True or false: Betsy has seen the Johnny Rebs inside the prison walls.

- True                  False

3. In Chapter Three, News from the South, the author stated that Andrew Harrington "kept books" for some of the local businesses and farmers. What does "kept books" mean?

- Mr. Harrington was a writer.
- Mr. Harrington was a librarian.
- Mr. Harrington kept track of each establishment's money or financial transactions.
- Mr. Harrington loved to read.

4. What of the following statements is true about John Jones?

- He escaped from slavery and became a conductor on the Underground Railroad.
- He was sexton for his church.
- He could read and write.
- All of the above

5. How many prisoners tunneled out from the prison in Elmira (Camp Chemung)?

- One
- Five
- Eight
- Ten



6. What did Uncle Henry give Betsy's mother for her birthday?

A letter from Jimmy

A wheel of Herkimer cheese

A bushel of the first fall apples

A bushel of cucumbers

7. What was happening to the Harrington family's eggs?

Someone was taking and eating them.

The hens were sick and not laying as many.

A skunk or raccoon was stealing and eating them.

The hens were hatching into baby chicks.

8. True or False: Seth Dussault played on a baseball team called the Louisiana Tigers.

True

False

9. How did Betsy help Seth "go home"?

She gave him food.

She wrapped his ankle and gave him Jimmy's boots.

She told him which way to go.

All of the above

**Essay Question:** In "I Will Come Home," Becky Harrington struggles with a decision and turns to others to sort things out in her own mind. Imagine you are faced with a very difficult decision. Who would you talk to in order to help you decide what was the best thing to do? Why would you choose that person or persons? (55 points) *Grammar and spelling count. Do not use "texting" abbreviations or emoticons.*

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You may attach additional paper if necessary.

**All students must provide the following information:**

Newspaper used to follow the story (either in-print or online) \_\_\_\_\_

Student's full name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's grade: (circle one) 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup>

School name (If home schooled write home) \_\_\_\_\_

School address (If home schooled provide home address) \_\_\_\_\_

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Teacher's name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's email address or school phone number (to notify student winners, if home schooled provide home phone number) \_\_\_\_\_

*Mailed entries must postmarked by **Tuesday, May 7, 2013** and mailed to NYNPA, I Will Come Home Contest Entry, 50 Colvin Avenue, Suite 102, Albany, NY 12206.*