

02/06/15, Marion's Tower

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Read the passage - 'The Swamp Fox' - and answer the question below:

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Marion's Tower

by Edward Eggleston

General Marion was one of the best fighters in the Revolution. He was a homely little man. He was also a very good man. Another general said, "Marion is good all over."

The American army had been beaten in South Carolina. Marion was sent there to keep the British from taking the whole country.

Marion got together a little army. His men had nothing except rough clothes to wear. They had no guns but the old ones they used to shoot wild ducks and deer with.

Marion's men wanted swords. There were no swords to be had. So Marion sent men to take the long saws out of the saw mills. These were taken to blacksmiths. The blacksmiths cut the saws into pieces. These pieces they hammered out into long, sharp swords.

Marion had not as many men as the British. He had no cannon. He could not build forts. He could not stay long in one place, for fear the British should come with a strong army and take him. He and his men hid in the dark woods. Sometimes, he suddenly changed his hiding place. Even his own friends had to work hard to find him.

From the dark woods, he would come out suddenly. He would attack some party of British soldiers. When the battle was over, he would go back to the woods again.

When the British sent a strong army to catch him, he could not be found. Soon, he would be fighting the British in some new place. He was always playing hide and seek.

The British called him the Swamp Fox. This was because he was so hard to catch. They could not conquer the country until they could catch Marion. And they never could catch the Swamp Fox. At one time, Marion came out of the woods to take a little British fort. This fort was on the top of a high mound. It was one of the mounds built a long time ago by the Indians.

Marion put his men all round the fort so that the men in the fort could not get out to get water. He thought that they would have to give up, but the men in the fort dug a well inside the fort. Then Marion had to think of another plan.

Marion's men went to the woods and cut down stout poles. They got a great many poles. When night came, they laid a row of poles alongside one

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11. Which events show that General Marion was a great fighter in the war?
- A. He hid in the woods and dug holes inside of forts.
 - B. He attacked and escaped the British and captured a fort.
 - C. He turned long saws into swords and built forts with his army.
 - D. He helped his army build a tower and he captured the British inside.

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12. Which detail supports the main ideas?
- A. The Swamp Fox was an honest man.
 - B. The Swamp Fox was a problem-solver.
 - C. The Swamp Fox was kind to his soldiers.
 - D. The Swamp Fox was a friend to everyone.

7. Which sentence from the selection helps to summarize the selection?
- A. "General Marion was one of the best fighters in the Revolution."
 - B. "Even his own friends had to work hard to find him."
 - C. "And they never could catch the Swamp Fox."
 - D. "As soon as it was light, the men on Marion's tower began to shoot."

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8. Which describes how General Marion and his army used the woods for protection?
- A. They made weapons.
 - B. They hid from the British.
 - C. They built Indian dirt mounds.
 - D. They dug a well to hold prisoners.

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9. How did the Swamp Fox overcome the problem of having few weapons for his army?
- A. His army raised money to buy guns and swords.
 - B. His army captured guns and swords from the British.
 - C. His army was given guns and swords in South Carolina.
 - D. His army used old hunting guns and swords made from long saws.

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10. How did Marion's use of his surroundings affect the British?
- A. The British did not know when they might be attacked.
 - B. The British could not use long saws from the saw mills.
 - C. The British could not build Indian mounds high enough.
 - D. The British did not know how to locate the lands' water.

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4. Which detail from the selection supports the main ideas?
- A. "Marion's men wanted swords."
 - B. "He had no cannon."
 - C. "They could not conquer the country until they could catch Marion."
 - D. "It was one of the mounds built a long time ago by the Indians."

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5. Which describes two main ideas from the selection?
- A. Marion was called a swamp fox, and he kept the British from getting water.
 - B. Marion was a great general, and he outsmarted the British troops.
 - C. Marion was good to his troops, and he fought in South Carolina.
 - D. Marion liked to play hide-and-seek, and he built towers.

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6. Which summarizes the selection?
- A. General Marion was very handsome and had a little army with many weapons.
 - B. General Marion climbed a tower so that his army could shoot down into the British fort.
 - C. General Marion was good at hiding and tricked his own friends so that no one could find him.
 - D. General Marion took care of his army and used many clever ideas to defeat British troops.

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another on the ground. Then, they laid another row across these. Next, they laid another row on top of the last ones, and across the other way again.

They laid a great many rows of poles one on top of another. They crossed them this way and that. As the night went on, the pile grew higher. Still they handed poles to the top of the pile.

Before morning came, they had built a kind of tower. It was higher than the Indian mound.

As soon as it was light, the men on Marion's tower began to shoot. The British looked out. They saw a great tower with men on it. The men could shoot down into the fort. The British could not stand it. They had to give up. They were taken prisoners.

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1. Why did Marion decide to work with the blacksmiths?
 - A. His men wanted cannons.
 - B. His men wanted swords.
 - C. His men had no forts.
 - D. His men had no guns.

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2. How were General Marion and his army able to beat the British?
 - A. They used fancy cannons and cut down stout poles.
 - B. They fought during the nighttime and played games.
 - C. They used old saw mills for swords and dug a well to get water.
 - D. They hid in the woods and built a tower higher than the mound.

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3. How did General Marion's men outsmart the British?
 - A. They made swords from saws.
 - B. They dug a well inside the fort.
 - C. They built a tower on a mound.
 - D. They used many guns and cannons.