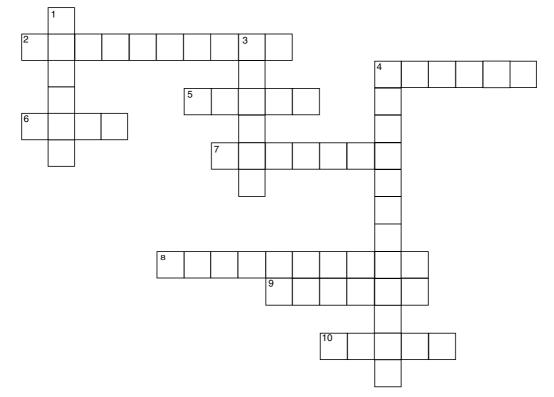
# **Owl Creek Bridge and Other Stories**

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## A Before Reading

1 Look at the pictures on pages 9 and 10. Complete the crossword below, which uses some of the words from these two pages.



#### Across

- 2 Soldier on horseback
- 4 The end of a gun
- 5 Small bird
- 6 Army building
- 7 Powerful gun
- 8 Line of soldiers
- 9 What a horse-rider sits on
- 10 A soldier who rides ahead of the army to look for information on the enemy

#### Down

- 1 Large artillery gun
- 3 Name of a native American Indian tribe member
- 4 American native wild cat
- 2 A civil war is a war fought by two groups of people from the same country. What do you know about the American Civil War? Who were the two sides? What were they fighting over? Who won the war? Do you know of any other civil wars from other countries? What is the difference between a civil war and a revolution?

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## **B** While Reading

**3** Match the parts of the sentences together to describe the main characters from each of the stories. The first one has been done for you.

Peyton Farquhar	was a wealthy landowner	<pre> trying to protect his home from the Union Army</pre>
Mohun Dampier	liked hunting	to save his reputation
Pauline and Eva Maynard	crossed the desert	and had a brother who fought with him in the army
Hugh Morgan	had an evil guardian	who wanted their money
Private Jerome Searing	disagreed with his family	to find wealth in the goldfields of California
Ramon Gallegos, William Shaw and George Kent	fell in love with a girl	but met a creature that was too powerful for him
Barr Lassiter	was a scout	but died a lonely man
Lieutenant Herman Brayle	wanted to die bravely in war	and left to fight in the civil war

4 All of the stories involve one or more people dying. Fill in the table below for each story.

Story	Who died?	How did they die?	Who killed them?	Why were they killed?
Owl Creek Bridge	Peyton Farquhar	Hanged	Union Army soldiers	Spying, sabotage
Beyond The Wall				
An Adventure at Brownville				
The Damned Thing				
One of The Missing				
The Stranger				
Three and One are One				
Killed at Resaca				

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### **C** After Reading

- **5** Choose one of the stories. You are to make the story into a movie. Who will direct your movie? Who will star in your movie? Design a movie poster and write a sentence which describes the story. Why did you choose the story you chose?
- 6 Do you think America would be different today if the Confederate Army had won the Civil War? Or would another war have been fought, and then another, until it was made illegal to own slaves? Are there any countries in the world that still have slaves? Have people in your country ever fought over the issue of slaves?

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