



**“The Drummer Boy of Shiloh”
Discussion questions**

Name _____
Date _____

Please answer the following in complete sentences.

- 1. Why are the men unable to sleep?**
- 2. Why does Joby have trouble sleeping?**
- 3. What do the soldiers have that Joby does not have? What does he hope will happen if he lies very still in the morning?**
- 4. Who catches the boy crying? What does he say about Joby’s crying?**
- 5. Why did the general himself cry the night before?**
- 6. To what animal does the general compare the young soldiers? For what does he need the drummer boy?**

7. How important is Joby to the army? In what ways does the drummer boy control the mood of the troops?

8. What concerns the general about his army?

9. What does the general ask the boy to imagine?

10. What does Joby do after the general gets up? How do you know that Joby now feels that his job as drummer has more importance?