

BAC S / ES ANGLAIS LV1

PROPOSITION DE CORRIGE:

COMPREHENSION:

I.

- a) In the scene, Laura, Henry, Jamie, Pappy and Isabelle are present .
- b) Pappy is Henry and Jamie's old father, Laura is Henry's wife and Isabelle is their daughter .
- c) Laura is the narrator .

II.

- a) The scene takes place in a little town in Mississippi .
- b) That particular day, Jamie is back home after a long time overseas .
- c) Jamie decided to go away after the war, in order to heal his mind from the difficult moments he lived during the war .
- d) We can imagine he decided to live a completely different and certainly happier life overseas in order to forget it was possible .

III. Jamie looks skinny and not really in a good shape physically .

I.11 : " You look like hell ! "

I . 25 : " his ribs protruded like the black keys of a piano "

IV.

- a) When he saw his brother, Henry felt really surprised, absolutely excited and very happy .

I.4 : " he whoped, dropped the bucket and broke into a a run "

I.8 – 9 : " clapped each other in the back, pulled apart and searched each other's faces "

- b) This reveals of a true love between the two brothers . Henry is so happy, he may have waited for his brother for so long . As he certainly didn't have any news from him, he was worried .

V.

- a) We can imagine Jamie suffered a lot in the past, and his weary smile that night was then the result of many difficulties in his life during the war whereas he had such a radiant smile before .
- b) It seems to be quite evident that they had a very good relationship together so many years before and certainly much more than that . They must have lived something strong emotionally .

VI.

Now, the narrator has some difficulties to hide her feelings towards Jamie . She is moved by his return home . (l.26 “ I could pick him up , I thought, and had an irrational urge to do so . “)

In the second part , she imagines what she could do in order to help him to recover a good health in her arms . (l . 59 “ I would heal him, I thought . I would cook food to strengthen him, play music to soothe him, tell stories to make him smile “)

She would like to do everything for him so much . Her feelings seem to be still so present !

VII.

- a) According to Laura, Henry leads a sad and monotoneous life even if he loves farming . He gives a real importance to family , he is so happy to see his brother come back after the difficulties linked to the war and also may be between them in the past . (l. 34 : “ Henry picked up one of Jamie’s suitcases “ . She considers him courageous as well “ (l ; 4 : 5 : “ Henry’s bad leg made him awkward, but he seemed not to notice it “) .
- b) Laura tries to leave her feelings apart in order to breed her child correctly, bring help to her husband as much as she can but she does her best to hide her thoughts to her husband . In one way she would like to resemble him some time, doing things so simply, without thinking about anything else . This appears to her as Simple Life .

(l. 42 : “ How simple things were for Henry ! How I wished sometimes that I could join him which was which “ .)