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Quick Questions

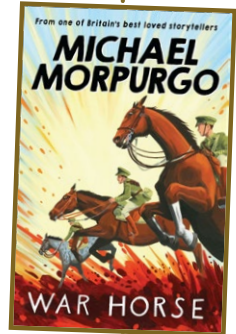
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Pupils' own responses, such as: They may have felt upset to lose their animal, especially if it was carrying out an important role. However, they may have understood that it was playing an important role in the war effort.

