

**Teacher Guide and Answers**

**Passage Reading Level:** Lexile 810

**Featured Text Structure:** Cause/Effect – the writer presents the reason an event happened and its results

**Passage Summary:** “Escape From France” describes how the author’s great-uncle, Ardell Bollinger, was an American in the Army flying bombing missions over France during World War II to stop Nazi Germany. The story tells about his experience trying to escape after his plane was shot down over France in 1943.

1. Adie Bollinger was all of the following EXCEPT

- A the great-uncle of Jason Lombardozzi
- B a paratrooper in the U.S. Army**
- C a member of a B-17 bomber group
- D a U.S. veteran of World War II

2. Adie’s plane was shot down over France in 1943 during World War II. What was the effect of his plane getting shot down?

- A Adie risked his life looking for a new plane to fly during the war.
- B The crash injured Adie, and he was taken to a hospital in England.
- C With help from the French underground, Adie escaped to England.**
- D Armed forces arrested Adie in France, but he eventually escaped to Spain.

3. Which of the following conclusions about the Frenchmen whom Adie encountered is supported by the passage?

- A The Frenchmen were generous and helpful.**
- B The Frenchmen were selfish and impolite.
- C The Frenchmen were indifferent and unfriendly.
- D The Frenchmen were suspicious and nervous.

4. Read this sentence from the passage: “Before the United States and its allies invaded Europe in 1944, Americans flew bombing missions over France from bases in Great Britain.”

In this sentence, the word **allies** means

- A people fighting in the underground army
- B goods and services traded between countries
- C people who live in many different countries
- D nations united by a common purpose**

5. The primary purpose of this passage is to describe

- A all of the events that led up to World War II
- B how the French underground was formed
- C Adie Bollinger’s experience during World War II**
- D why Adie Bollinger wanted to become a paratrooper

6. When did Adie enlist in the Army?

**Suggested answer:** He enlisted in the Army in July 1942. [paragraph 2]

7. When Adie's plane was shot down, he jumped into an open field. How did Adie avoid being captured, and what does this tell us about him as a person?

**Suggested answer:** He decided to lie down in the field because the Germans would check the barns and buildings. [paragraph 3] This tells us that Adie is quick-thinking and smart.

8. The question below is an incomplete sentence. Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

When the Americans were trying to return to England, they spent their days walking \_\_\_\_\_ their nights sleeping in haystacks.

- A or
- B nor
- C for
- D and

9. Answer the following questions based on the sentence below.

In 1943, Adie Bollinger was flying a bombing mission over France to stop Nazi Germany during World War II.

Who? Adie Bollinger

(was doing) What? **flying a bombing mission**

Where? **over France**

When? **in 1943, during World War II**

Why? **to stop Nazi Germany**

10. **Vocabulary Word:** paratrooper: soldier trained to parachute from an airplane.

Use the vocabulary word in a sentence: answers may vary.