



Worksheet: Charging into Battle with Hood's Texas Brigade

1. How old is the "Genuine Soldier Boy of 1861"? _____

2. How long did Joseph Polley serve in the Fourth Texas Infantry? _____

3. What was the name of the first battle Polley ever fought in? _____

4. Where were the Confederates lying flat on the ground, and why were they lying there?

5. What did General Hood order his men to do? _____

6. What did the "Federalists" do after the Texas Brigade charged at them? _____

7. What does Polley indicate is the difference between being "under fire" and battle? _____

8. What was Polley's first reaction when he learned that he was going into battle? _____

9. What did the Tennessee man say to the cotton-tail? _____



10. How did Polley's attitude change as he ran toward the Federals? _____

11. What was Polley strangely curious about as he charged? _____

12. How was Polley's curiosity "fully gratified?" _____

12. What did Polley not want to distress Nellie's gentle heart with? _____

13. When will Polley return to Texas? _____

14. How does the tone of Polley's description of the Battle of Gaines' Mill in *Hood's Texas Brigade* differ from the one in *A Soldiers Letters to Charming Nellie*?
