

Study Guide

Nurse, Soldier Spy written by Marissa Moss, illustrated by John Hendrix

Why did Sarah Emma Edmonds start dressing as a man?

What did she do as a man that she couldn't as a woman?

Imagine what a woman's life was like in the 1860s. What things do you think women can do today that they couldn't then? Make a list of at least ten things.

Why did Sarah Emma Edmonds enlist in the Union Army?

Why did other women disguise themselves as men in order to enlist?

What ways could women support the Union cause?

What ways could men support the Union cause?

What kind of jobs did soldiers have in the Army?

What kind of character do you think Sarah Emma Edmonds had? Describe her personality.

If you were the illustrator for this book, how would you make the pictures for this story? How would you know what the uniforms looked like, what cannons and rifles looked like?

How does the illustrator use lettering as part of the pictures? Does this work and why?

How does the illustrator use colors to tell the story visually? What are the main colors in the pictures?

If you wanted to learn more about the Civil War or Sarah Emma Edmonds, where would you look?