Name _____ Number Right _____ **1**

Directions: *You have 4½ minutes to read the selection and answer the questions. Do not begin reading until your teacher gives the signal.*

Note this word before you begin.

dugout: a shelter

Under the Flag

Japan and China were at war. How could missionaries Marie and Marius Werdal escape the bombs that were falling all around them? They were Americans, and America was not at war with Japan. The Werdals decided to put a large American flag over their mission station. It would protect them from the bombs of the enemy.

The sun was hot and the red stripes on the flag faded quickly. The Werdals could take no chances of having a faded flag. It would be difficult to see from the air. Every night Mrs. Werdal, sitting in their dugout with her husband, sewed newly died bright red onto their precious flags.

As the missionaries sat in the dugout and heard the bombs exploding, they thanked God for the protection of their flag.

Circle the correct answer.

1. This true story tells you about war between _?_.
   - **a.** Japan and the U.S.
   - **b.** China and Japan
   - **c.** China and Germany
   - **d.** The U.S. and Palestine

2. The missionaries were in danger of _?_.
   - **a.** bombings
   - **b.** earthquakes
   - **c.** gunfire
   - **d.** floods

3. Mrs. Werdal sewed new red stripes on their flag because _?_.
   - **a.** rain ruined the dye
   - **b.** she needed something to do
   - **c.** the sun faded the stripes
   - **d.** she liked to sew

4. Mrs. Werdal had to replace the red stripes _?_.
   - **a.** every week
   - **b.** every night
   - **c.** every other day
   - **d.** every year

5. The Werdals were kept safe because of the _?_.
   - **a.** dugout
   - **b.** mission station
   - **c.** other missionaries
   - **d.** flag

Number Right	5	4	3	2–0
Rating	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor

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