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### **A Window into the War: Analyzing Primary Sources**

Directions: Please answer each question in complete sentences.

1. What is the name of the person who wrote these letters? To whom is he writing?

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2. When were these letters written? Please write the exact date for both letters.

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3. Do you think the author is a Union soldier or a Confederate soldier? Why?

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4. Where is the author fighting?

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5. Who came to visit the soldiers in the first letter? What did he tell them?

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6. In this first letter, the author talks about the casualties from both armies. How many soldiers have been wounded or killed from the Union army? How many from the Confederate army?

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7. In the first letter, the author loses something on the battlefield. What does he lose, and how does he feel about losing it?

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8. In the second letter, the author writes describes the cost of different foods. He also writes about what types of things are available, and what are not. What are the prices of the things he can get? What is difficult to get, and what is easy to get?

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9. After reading both of these letters, how do you think the author feels about fighting in a war and being away from his family for long stretches of time? Give an example from one of the letters to support your opinion.

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10. List 5 questions that you would like to ask the author.

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