

ATPE BOOK of the month CLUB

Gabriel's Horses by *Alison Hart*

1. How does Gabriel feel when he finds out that his master leans more toward the Confederate side in the Civil War?
2. In the book, the horses receive better care than some of the slaves do. How does that make you feel?
3. Give examples of bravery from the story. Is Gabriel brave? Is he a hero?
4. When Gabriel is asked to jockey after Jackson is injured during a race, his pa says: "Horses always be honest. If you be honest back, they'll give you their hearts." Can this idea be applied to people as well? Why or why not?
5. Why did Jackson fake a broken arm during the race in Kentucky?
6. What did Gabriel learn about freedom on his trip to Kentucky to see his father?
7. How does Gabriel's view of the Army change throughout the story?
8. On page 97, Jackson says: "Way I see it, most Yankees don't care if black folks are free. That ain't why they fighting this war." What do you think Jackson means by this statement?
9. What were Gabriel's pa's motives for joining the Army? Do you think he still would have joined if he knew ahead of time how the African-American troops would be treated?
10. What lessons did you learn from the book *Gabriel's Horses*?

