“Two Soldiers” by William Faulkner Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Viewing Questions

1. What is the setting of the story?
2. Describe Pete, the older brother (his age, his mannerisms, his relationship with Willie, etc.).
3. Describe Willie, the younger brother (his age, his mannerisms, his relationship with Pete, etc.).
4. What do the brothers do at night when they sneak up to their neighbor’s porch?
5. What do the brothers swap with each other?
6. What news did the brothers hear on the radio?
7. Where did Pete decide he had to go?
8. How does Pete’s father react to his news? Be specific.
9. What does Willie say he will do when Pete tells him he is too young to join him?
10. What advice does Pete’s mother give him on the morning he leaves?
11. Describe Willie’s emotions in the scene where Pete boards and leaves on the Greyhound bus.
12. How does Willie get from Frenchman’s Bend to Jefferson? How far has he traveled (watch for this later in the film)?
13. What does Willie tell Mr. Foote (“the Law”) is his ultimate destination? Why does he want to go there?
14. Who is Mrs. Habersham?
15. How much does a bus ticket to Memphis cost?
16. What does Willie (threaten to) do to the man at the bus station?
17. What does Willie “trade” for a bus ticket?
18. What is the first question Willie asks when he gets off the bus?
19. What does Willie do to the soldiers who try to send him away? Who calms the situation and how?
20. Why does Willie tell Pete he won’t go back home?
21. Throughout the film, what does Pete remind Willie to do?

Critical Review ~ Respond in a short paragraph.

1. Based on your viewing of the short film “Two Soldiers,” in what ways does William Faulkner effectively portray the ideas of “family”?