

Homophones and History: Battle of the Wilderness



Instructions: Read the paragraph and circle the correct version of the word from each word series.

Name _____

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Answers:

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