

## Jesse Field

1. Shade the part of the hilltop with the fewest trees. 

2. Draw a line to show the path of the retreating Germans. 

3. Why were trees important in the fighting here?

Trees would have made it harder for the Germans to see the Americans approaching.

The Germans used trees to construct their breastworks.

Americans were able to hide behind trees when they attacked the Germans.

4. What advantages did the Americans have over the Germans?

They were able to move and fight behind the cover of trees.

They were dressed in lighter clothing. Field remembered

“they were in full dress and very heavy armed, and we in our shirts and trousers and [so we] had much the advantage in the pursuit.”

5. Was this a good place for breastworks? Why or why not?

Opinions will vary.

Acceptable answers: Yes, but it was too close to the treeline.

No, the attacking Americans had too many advantages.

## John Orr

1. Draw an X where John Orr stopped in front of the Tory Fort. 

2. Label the flax field and corn field. 

3. Why were the corn and flax important to Orr's story?

The corn and flax gave the Americans cover from the loyalists.

John Orr was taken back into the tall corn after he was shot.

Orr told his men, "stoop so low that the flax would conceal them, and drag me on my back into the cornfield" so we know he went backwards from flax to corn.

4. How was the gulley used and who used it?

Americans used the gulley to get close to the Tory Fort. Once they came out, they surprised the loyalists and attacked from a short distance. The anonymous loyalist says "they [appeared] right under our guns."

5. Do you think the Tory Fort was in the best place it could be? Why?

Again, opinions will vary. Acceptable answers: Yes, but the fields should have been cleared. No, the Americans were able to get into position without being seen by the loyalists.

## Levy Beardsley & JF Wasmus

1. Circle the location of the Beardsley cabin on your map. 

2. Draw an X where you believe Baum's men surrendered. 

3. Why do you think the Beardsley and Wasmus stories are different?

One is an eye-witness account, the other is a secondary source.  
The family would also want to tell a story that would make them seem heroic.

4. What man-made stuff was important to control by the river? Why?

The bridge was important because it was an easy way to cross the river. The houses were important because they could be used for defense.

5. Why do you think the army surrendered where it did? Was there an obstacle in the way of the Germans?

They surrendered "in plain sight" of the cabin, so they must have been captured somewhere in the nearby fields. They would have had a hard time crossing the river without a bridge, so the river stopped them from getting away.

