

Take a Closer Look



Name: _____

Extension - *The Retreat from New York*

Directions: Navigate to <https://considerthesourcenyc.org/document/retreat-new-york-poem-written-soldier-american-revolution-nd> to read the poem, *The Retreat from New York*. After you have read the poem, answer the questions below.

1. What rhythm scheme does this poem use? _____

2. How many stanzas does the poem have? _____

Spelling was not standardized until the early 19th Century.. Did you notice any words that seemed misspelled?

3. List three of the “misspelled” words on the lines below. Next to the word write how it is spelled today.

“Misspelled” word from poem	Word as it is spelled today

4. Write a phrase from the poem where you had to use the context clues to help you understand one of the “misspelled” words.

5. Who is speaking in the poem? Is it a soldier, a general, or someone else? How do you know? Use details from the poem to support your answer.

6. Why do you think the poet wrote this poem? Was it to tell a story, to honor the soldiers, or to teach something? Use details from the poem to support your answer.

7. Stanzas one through ten talk about the Battle of Long Island. From Stanza 10 until the end of the poem, the poet is writing about the Battle of Harlem Heights. Using details from the poem, tell how each battle ended.

The Battle of Long Island

The Battle of Harlem Heights
