

Sullivan Ballou's Letter
Questions

1. How does Sullivan Ballou **compare** the Civil War to the American Revolution?
2. What does Sullivan say about **his courage**? Include specific quote(s).
3. Choose a passage from the letter that explains **why** Sullivan is fighting.
4. What hardship does Sullivan reveal about **his own childhood**? Why is this especially **ironic**, given his current circumstance?
5. What 2 "**banners**" struggle for Sullivan's allegiance?
6. Sensing death creeping up behind him, who does Sullivan **decide to commune with**? What is the physical environment in which Sullivan writes to Sarah?
7. In examining himself for a wrong motive, what does Sullivan realize **he loves more than he fears death**?
8. **Who** does Sullivan claim is the only one who could break the "mighty chains" of love that bind him to Sarah? **What does this word mean**?
9. What does Sullivan **promise** to Sarah?
10. **What requests** does Sullivan ask of Sarah?