\*Write a letter as Joby to the General explaining how their conversation helped him to change his thoughts and feelings about his role as the drummer boy. This could also be from the perspective of Joby deciding to NOT remain as the drummer boy after the conversation with the General. You can get really creative and write the letter from Joby as an older boy after the war or even from the perspective of Joby posthumously.

Example:

Dear General,

 I am so glad that you spoke to me the night before the Battle of Shiloh. I was really nervous at first. I am only 14 so going into battle not knowing what to expect can be scary. Unlike the other soldiers who all had rifles, all I had was my drum and sticks. I felt so unprepared and unimportant. However, you helped me to see the value of my position and gave me the inspiration to go into battle. I thank you for this!

 Yours truly,

 Joby