

Summer Reading – English III – (Required)
A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway

You may use audio/I-Tunes along with the book if it will help your comprehension. Please be sure to use the unabridged version only.

Read each book with care and make sure you can answer the questions and understand the vocabulary below as you will be tested on this material the first week of school. Please bring your completed guide with you on the first day of class.

Short Answer

Book One: Chapters I-VII

1. Where and when does the story take place?
2. Who is the narrator? What is his position?
3. Identify Rinaldi. What kind of a man is he?
4. The priest is introduced in the first few chapters. What is his relationship with Frederick Henry? Rinaldi?
5. Rinaldi talks of Miss Barkley as the girl he will marry. How does Frederick Henry get involved with her?
6. Describe Frederick Henry's relationship to Catherine in these first few chapters.
7. What kind of a woman is Catherine Barkley?
8. What is the point of the incident with the soldier who had a rupture in chapter 7?
9. Frederick Henry says, "Well, I knew I would not be killed. Not in this war." What was his reason?
10. Why does Frederick Henry give up the drinking contest?

Book One: Chapters VIII-XII

1. What did Miss Barkley give to Frederick Henry before he left for the attack?
2. While waiting for the attack to begin, Passini said, "There is nothing worse than war." What did Frederick Henry say was worse than war?
3. What did Passini say was the only way to end the war?
4. Under what circumstances was Lt. Henry wounded?
5. Where was Lt. Henry wounded?
6. When Rinaldi comes to visit Frederick Henry at the hospital, he brings cognac and talks about medals for the wounded lieutenant. What is Henry's reaction to talk about medals?
7. What observation did Rinaldi make about himself and Frederick Henry?

8. What did the priest bring to Frederick Henry in the hospital?
9. Describe Frederick Henry's relationship with the priest.
10. Where was Lt. Henry sent after the first hospital?

Book Two: Chapters XIII-XVIII

1. Describe Lt. Henry's arrival at the hospital.
2. Compare/contrast Miss Gage, Mrs. Walker, and Mrs. Van Campen.
3. Why was Catherine in Milan?
4. What did Frederick Henry discover about his feelings for Catherine?
5. Compare and contrast the house doctor (and his two associates) with Dr. Valentini.
6. Why did Catherine take three nights off of night duty?
7. Why does Frederick Henry want to marry Catherine? What is her response?

Book Two: Chapters XIX-XXIV

1. Why doesn't Catherine like Ettore?
2. Why is Catherine afraid of rain?
3. Frederick and Catherine bet on Light For Me, a horse they had never heard of. Why?
4. What is the matter with Catherine?
5. According to Frederick and Catherine, what is the difference between a coward and a brave person?
6. Why didn't Frederick go on convalescent leave?
7. Describe the last evening Frederick Henry and Catherine have before he has to return to duty.
8. Describe the parting of Frederick and Catherine as he goes away in the carriage.
9. How does Catherine feel as she and Frederick part?

Book Three: Chapters XXV-XXVII

1. How has the major changed since Lt. Henry saw him last?
2. How has Rinaldi changed since Lt. Henry saw him last? How has he stayed the same?
3. How has the priest changed since Lt. Henry saw him last? How is he the same?
4. Rinaldi observes that Lt. Henry is acting differently. How does Rinaldi say Lt. Henry is acting?
5. Frederick Henry says, "I was always embarrassed by the words *sacred*, *glorious*, and *sacrifice* and the expression *in vain*." Why did he feel that way?
6. Frederick Henry says that only certain words have dignity. What words are they?

7. One group was attacking and Lt. Henry said their name was something to be frightened of. What group was he describing?
8. What work are Lt. Henry, Aymo, Piani, and Bonello doing?

Book Three: Chapters XXVIII-XXXII

1. How do Frederick Henry, Bonello, Piani, and Aymo get separated from the rest of their unit?
2. Why did they leave the main road?
3. Why did Lt. Henry shoot the sergeant?
4. What happened to Aymo?
5. What happened to Bonello?
6. Why did Frederick Henry jump into the river?
7. What could his jumping into the river signify symbolically?

Book Four: Chapters XXXIII-XXXVII

1. Why does Henry want to go to Switzerland?
2. Where does Frederick Henry meet up with Catherine?
3. Why do Frederick and Catherine leave the hotel in the middle of the night?
4. How do Frederick and Catherine escape to Switzerland?
5. What happened when Frederick and Catherine were arrested in Switzerland?

Book Five: Chapters XXXVIII-XLI

1. Why doesn't Catherine want to get married once they are situated in Switzerland?
2. Why did the doctor say beer would be good for Catherine?
3. What did Catherine and Frederick do in the Swiss mountains?
4. Why did they move out of the mountains to Lausanne?
5. What went wrong with Catherine's delivery?
6. How did Catherine die?

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Some vocabulary from *A Farewell to Arms*

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text.

Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined word means in the space provided. (*Note: Use the same approach when reading if you come across other words you do not know; if you can't figure them out, – look them up.*)

1. At the start of the winter came the permanent rain and with the rain came the **cholera**.

2. “Don’t bring Caruso. He **bellows**.”

3. When I came back to the **front** we still lived in that town.

4. The **battery** in the next garden woke me in the morning and I saw the sun coming through the window and got out of the bed.

5. “It’s a silly front,” she said. “But it’s very beautiful. Are they going to have an **offensive**?”

6. “It’s not my leg. I got a **rupture**.”

7. “They won’t let me. The lieutenant said I slipped the **truss** on purpose.”

8. “Listen, lieutenant. Do you have to take me to that **regiment**?”

Part II: Determining the Meaning: Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| _____ 1. commenced | A. a long, narrow hilltop |
| _____ 2. ridge | B. buses or trucks |
| _____ 3. dressing | C. thickens into a soft mass |
| _____ 4. decorated | D. pertaining to treating wounds |
| _____ 5. infantry | E. loss of blood |
| _____ 6. camions | F. given a medal or other honor |
| _____ 7. tourniquet | G. started |
| _____ 8. hemorrhage | H. small pieces of something that has shattered |
| _____ 9. coagulates | I. soldiers who fight on foot |
| _____ 10. fragments | J. tight band used to stop bleeding |