

Interactive Reading Guide
Pages 238-269 *All Quiet on the Western Front*

A: _____ B. _____ C. _____ D. _____

1. **D:** Begin reading aloud at the middle of p. 239, "A few days later..." to p. 242 "So we lie and wait."

A and B: Follow along and be prepared to answer: How did fear affect Paul's and Albert's actions? Write your answer here.

C: Follow along and answer: What does Paul mean when he says on p. 242, "Now for home, Albert"? Write your answer here.

2. **B:** Read from the bottom of page 242, "In the evening..." to page 244, "look out for the last time."

D: Follow along and be prepared to answer, What is the "chopping block" that Paul refers to?

A: Follow along and answer, What is chloroform and why doesn't Paul want it?

C: *He understands, of course, smells them once again and says: "Done."* What does the sergeant-major understand?

3. **C:** Read from p. 244, "Our stretchers stand on the platform." to p. 250, "Albert and I are put off together."

A: Follow along and answer: What does the nurse on p. 246 mean when she says, *When you have been lying out there in the trenches, surely we can wash a sheet.?*

B and D: Do you think that Paul made the right decision to stay with Kropp instead of taking the train home? Why or why not?

4. **A:** Read p. 250 "We are in the same room..." to p. 255

D: *That is a piece of luck, the Catholic infirmaries are noted for their good treatment and food.* Ask the group, "Is this a true statement? Why or why not?" Write a summary of your group's explanation here.

C: Why did Paul and his roommates want the nuns to stop praying for them?

B: Why is Paul glad to have Josef Hamacher in his room?

5. **D:** It's your time to read again. Begin on p. 256 to 258.

C: Why would the men "go through fire" for Sister Libertine?

A & B: Why are some men taken to the "little room at the corner of the building."?

6. **B:** Read p. 259- p. 262 "...he has ever known such a thing."

A: Why do some of the men allow the surgeon to perform unnecessary surgery on their feet?

C & D: What lifts the men's spirits in the midst of death and despair?

7. **C:** Read p. 262, "Gradually a few of us are allowed to get up." to p. 268.

A: What does Paul mean when he says, *How senseless is everything that can ever be written, done, or thought, when such things are possible.?*

Person **B:** Paul says, *A hospital alone shows what war is.* What does the hospital show about war?

Person **D:** Pay close attention to the paragraph beginning on p. 263, *I am young...* Prepare to lead a discussion in your group answering this question: What does war do to people? Summarize your group's ideas here.

8. Silently finish reading pp. 268-269.