

Read chapter 7 aloud in groups of 4. As your group comes to each section, stop and discuss the context and significance of the section. Then answer the questions.

SECTION 1: “They have taken us back farther than usual to a field depot so that we can be re-organized... It is all a matter of habit – even the front line.” (137-138)

- a. How is the relationship of Himmelstoss to Paul and his friends changing? Why?
- b. What literary element could be represented here?
- c. Pick out 5 – 7 words in context that help prove this literary element is represented and write a meaningful concrete detail sentence using these words.

SECTION 2: “Just as we turn into animals... Life is short.” (138-139)

- a. Why and how are the soldiers like “animals?”
- b. What is happening to their human soul?
- c. What literary element is represented here?
- d. Write a meaningful concrete detail sentence using 5 – 7 words from this section.

SECTION 3: “I lie down on many a station platform... I take my rifle in my hand and stumble down the steps.” (154-155)

- a. As Paul rides home, how do the surroundings change?
- b. Despite this change in atmosphere, how does Paul still see himself?
- c. What literary element is best represented in this section?
- d. Write a meaningful concrete detail sentence using a few details from this section.

SECTION 4: “In my room behind the table stands a brown leather sofa...Quietly I go out of the room.” (169-173)

- a. What does Paul long to recapture?
- b. How has he been changed by the war?
- c. What is ironic about Paul’s thoughts?
- d. Write a meaningful CD sentence for irony.

SECTION 5: “Still I do not give up hope... ‘He’s too stupid, I couldn’t be bothered,’ answers Mittelstaedt contemptuously.” (173-179)

- a. What has happened to Paul’s friend?
- b. Why does Paul’s friend humiliate Kantorek?
- c. What literary element could be discussed in this section?
- d. Write a meaningful CD sentence for this literary element.

SECTION 6: “I ought never to have come on leave.” (185)

- a. Why does Paul say this?
- b. What literary element does this represent?
- c. Write a meaningful CD sentence using this quote.