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*Fallen Angels*

“Making Meanings: Section 2, Near Chu Lai”

**Directions:** Answer the following questions after reading Chapters 6-10 of *Fallen Angels*

**First Thoughts**

Reading Check

1. When Lobel suggests that the squad members are “the bad guys” from a movie, “the killers,” Perry disagrees. With whom do you agree? Why?

1. What is Lobel’s favorite topic of conversation?

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2. When the news team asks Perry why he is fighting in Vietnam, what reason does he give?

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3. While on patrol the squad kills on Viet Cong soldier. What number appears on the body count report? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. What happens to Charlie Company when Perry patrols with them?

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5. Why does the squad set up an ambush outside the village they had visited earlier?

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**Shaping Interpretations**

2. The author has written some humorous passages in *Fallen Angels*. For example, Peewee responds to the news crew’s questions with a joke? What effect does this humorous passage have?

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3. What do you learn about Perry from the fact that he forgets to load his gun?

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4. How does the squad’s treatment of the dead Viet Cong soldier differ from their treatment of Jenkins?

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5. What experience in this section does Perry consider to be unreal? Why?

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6. Monaco is upset when Perry tells him what happened on patrol with Charlie Company. Why does the disaster upset him so much?

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7. What does Brunner’s behavior in the village reveal about his personality?

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8. The **randomness of war** is a major theme in *Fallen Angels*. Explain how the squad’s two visits to the same village illustrate this theme.

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9. A **metaphor** makes a comparison between two unlike things without using words such as *like* and *as*. “The chopper came down and we handed up Lieutenant Carroll. A burnt offering” is one **metaphor** from this section. What does this comparison indicate about Lieutenant Carroll’s death?

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**Connecting with the Text**

10. Although he does not fire his own weapon, Perry contributes to the death of U.S. soldiers from Charlie Company simply by following orders. Have you every unintentionally hurt someone because you did exactly what you were supposed to do? How did you feel?

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**Extending the Text**

10. The squad passes out rations to the Vietnamese people in order to obtain their loyalty. How does our government practice this policy today in relations with other nations?

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**Making Inferences About Character**

Sometimes Myers has Perry state his opinions about the men in Alpha Company. Other times the author lets us hear what the men say and see how they act without telling us what Perry thinks. In these passages the characters’ words and actions suggest aspects of their personalities. As readers we **make inferences about character.**

***On the chart below, look at the actions of each of the characters. In the last column, write what those actions tell you about that particular character’s personality.***

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| **Character** | **Action** | **What you infer** |
| Peewee | Gets help from the medic when Perry is sick at 4:00 a.m. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Walowick | Calls Johnson a name | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Brunner | Kicks Monaco’s bunk and steals a statue | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Monaco | Lobs an empty grenade at Brunner | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Captain Stewart | Cancels the pacification mission | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Lieutenant Carroll | Gives Perry a silk jacket to send to Kenny | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |