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*Fallen Angels*

“Making Meanings: Section 3, Angels Fall”

**Directions:** Answer the following questions after reading Chapters 11-14 of *Fallen Angels*

Reading Check

**First Thoughts**

1. What depression task does Sergeant Simpson ask Perry to undertake?

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2. How does Lobel respond to Lieutenant Carroll’s death

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3. Before the squad’s first ambush with Lieutenant Gearhart, what does Walowick remind Perry to do? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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4. What are Perry’s immediate reactions to killing the VC soldier in the hut?

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5. What does Perry dream repeatedly the night before the squad moves out to Tam Ky?

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1. Which part of the description of what the village looks like after the Viet Cong have attacked do you find most disturbing?

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**Shaping Interpretations**

2. During their downtime the squad argues about the antiwar protesters burning their draft cards. What does each character reveal about how he regards protesters draft evasion, and the morality of war?

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3. Why do you think Perry’s mother wrote to Peewee instead of her son?

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4. How does Perry’s talk with Johnson about why they are fighting contribute to the way Perry thinks about the war?

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5. What is **ironic** about the mistake Perry makes during the ambush?

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6. Because Perry is the narrator, we see the scene in which he kills a man from his **point of view**. What does this personal view give the reader that a more objective view might not give?

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7. The squad watches the TV news, which covers a congressional bill and the *Pueblo*, but most of all the Super Bowl. How does Perry react to the news program?

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8. What does Perry’s dream about the VC soldier tell about his state of mind?

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9. Carroll, Turner, and Jenkins are “fallen angels” because they are dead. But that is not the only possible interpretation of this figure of speech. In what way is Perry becoming a fallen angel? Explain.

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**Connecting with the Text**

10. ***Sometimes standing alone seemed to be the hardest thing in the world to do, even when being the crowd meant you could be killed.***

Recall a time when you felt pressured to do something because everyone else was doing it. Would you make the same choice today? Why or why not?

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**Challenging the Text**

10. Perry wonders if “the time [has] passed when anybody could be a good guy.” In society today, is it possible to do good without having doubts? Back up your answer with evidence from personal experience, current events, and contemporary novels and movies.

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**Summarizing & Interpreting**

Soldiers fighting a war sometimes make mistakes, and the men in Perry’s squad are not exceptions. Sometimes the mistakes are harmless; other times they can be deadly. The results of these mistakes often seem **tragic**. Occasionally, a mistake can save the squad’s lives. Such a mistake has **ironic** results because the reader expects the mistake to be harmful, not helpful.

***Perry and Lieutenant Gearhart both make mistakes in this section, but those mistakes have very different outcomes. Analyze their mistakes using the diagram below.***

* ***In the triangle on the left, describe the mistake Perry makes with the claymores.***
* ***In the triangle on the right, describe the mistake Lieutenant Gearhart makes during the same battle.***
* ***List the outcomes of each mistake in the box beside its triangle.***

Outcome

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Gearharts’s Mistake

Perry’s Mistake

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