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*Fallen Angels*

“Making Meanings: Section 4, Tam Ky”

**Directions:** Answer the following questions after reading Chapters 15-18 of *Fallen Angels*

Reading Check

**First Thoughts**

1. During the first patrol in Tam Ky, why does Lieutenant Gearhart deice not to attack?

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2. What information makes Simpson angry at Captain Stewart?

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3. In the hospital, what familiar face does Perry encounter? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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4. What does Johnson do when Father Santora prays for Brew’s soul?

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5. Why do Peewee and Johnson distrust Sergeant Dongan?

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6. What issue becomes a source of tension between Captain Stewart and the ARVN colonel?

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1. List two or three things about Lieutenant Dongan that make it difficult for you to sympathize with him.

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**Shaping Interpretations**

2. When Perry gets a rash on his feet, the medic tells him to take care of them so he won’t get a medical profile. How is the medic’s statement **ironic?**

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3. How has the war changed Judy Duncan?

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4. In the hospital, what does Perry decide his reason for fighting should be? How is it different from the one he gave to the news crew?

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5. What has changed Perry’s reason for fighting?

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6. When Perry gets back from the hospital, he discovers that Johnson cannot accept Brew’s death. How does this fact fit with what you already know about Johnson?

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7. Perry doubts that the U.S. forces really know who the enemy is in Vietnam. What incidents in this section might make him doubtful?

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8. In the village held by the Viet Cong, what happens when Perry throws a grenade? What theme does that incident develop?

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9. How is Sergeant Dongan’s death **irnonic**

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**Extenting the Text**

10. ***I wen to the john and puked my guts out. I was scared…I couldn’t breathe, my hands were sweating. What do I do?***

What other literary characters from any books or short stories you have read can you think of who face things that frighten them? How did they overcome their fears?

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11. In this section, children are used as weapons of war and are killed as enemies. In what other ways are children damaged by war? Support your answer with information you have learned from articles, books, films and your own experience.

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**Understanding Character Development**

In this section, Perry is wounded and sent to the hospital. In addition to these external wounds, he also suffers internally from the war. Each type of pain affects and develops Perry’s character.

***Use the diagram below to demonstrate the different kinds of wounds Perry experiences in this section. In the outer circle, describe the physical wounds Perry receives in battle. In the inner oval, describe the emotional and psychological strains he experiences or becomes aware of in this section.***

Physical

Emotional & Psychological