205/206 2017-2018 “A Farewell to Arms” The Reading Quiz

1) What is the time-span covered in chapter 1?

2) In chapter 2, what are the three adjectives used by the priest to describe the Abruzzi region?

3) Chapter 3, what kind of places does the narrator go to on his winter leave, instead of the Abruzzi?

4) Chapter 4, how long was Catherine engaged to her fiancé? Where and how did he die?

5) In Chapter 5, pick out a highly prophetic remark made by Catherine.

6) What does Catherine call the game of love she and the narrator are playing?

7) Name the ancient God evoked by the narrator and his friends while joking around at the villa.

8) What object does Catherine offer the narrator, and what happens to it later in the book?

9) What are the two lies made up by the British ambulance driver so that the narrator is taken care of more quickly than the other wounded?

10) At the field hospital, what does Rinaldi bring the narrator and how much did it cost?

11) What does the narrator tell the priest about God?

12) How long is the train ride from the field hospital to the American hospital in Milan?

13) What’s the narrator’s first night like there?

14) What’s wrong with the barber? What does Frederick realize about Catherine?

15) What does Frederick think of the three doctors who examine his wound? Do they and Dr Valentini agree on how long the narrator should wait before having his knee operated on?

16) What do they eat and drink the night prior to his surgery? At the end of the chapter, how does she express her love for him?

17) How does Ferguson express her pessimism?

18) Who says “you’re my religion”?

19) How did Ettore Moretti kill the soldier who had just wounded him, and what does Catherine think of Moretti?

20) How does Catherine feel at the races when she and the narrator are alone? How does she feel with other people around?

21) To what extent is chapter 21 a turning point in the story? How do you understand Frederick’s remark “you always feel trapped biologically”?

22) What is the narrator accused of by Nurse Van Campen and what does she do about it?

23) What do Frederick and Catherine say about their respective relatives? What do they say about their hotel room as they are leaving it?

24) On the train from Milan to the front, why does Frederick get involved in an argument with an Italian captain?

25) What does Rinaldi call “self-destruction day by day”?

26) What does Frederick say he believes in?

27) What does Frederick say about the important of food in wartime? What happens to the wounded during a retreat?

28) During the retreat, why is Frederick afraid of staying on the same road?

29) What does Bonello say after killing the sergeant wounded by Frederick?

30) What kind of people are executed by the “battle police” Frederick gets in trouble with?

31) After jumping into the river and then on a train to Mestre, how much money does he have with him?

32) What are his feelings about the war, and when does he think he can see Cat again?

33) When he arrives in Milan, why does he have to go all the way to Stresa? Frederick says he once lived in Rome, what career project did he have then?

34) How does the martini feel at the hotel in Stresa? What animal does Ferguson compare Frederick to, and what is the time of year?

35) What wishes do Count Greffi and Frederick exchange after drinking their wine?

36) What is the weather like when Frederick is told of his imminent arrest, and what time is it when he and Cat set out across the lake to Switzerland?

37) What do they say about the Swiss rain? When interrogated by the Swiss officials, which city does Cat say she wants to go and why this one?

38) What does the doctor tell Cat about her drinking beer? What does she say about their hair styles?

39) What’s the January night like in the Swiss mountains? (Three adjectives). What does Cat say she wants to do to Frederick?

40) When do they move to Lausanne, and why? What does Frederick say about whisky and what sport does he take to for exercise?

41) What does Cat call the “bad” pains she has? What does Frederick tell the street dog? What do Frederick and the doctor say about what can be done or said after Cat dies?