

AP English 12
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**Study Q's for Hemingway's
*A Farewell to Arms***

(FH= Frederic Henry)

01. Examine the first three chapters for information on the personal history of the narrator, Frederic Henry. What does he reveal about himself? What *doesn't* he reveal about himself?

02. Describe the relationship between the Italian officers and the priest. What are their views concerning the Catholic Church?

03. Why is FH in the Italian Army? What do he and the other Anglo-American characters think of the Italian front during the war?

04. Describe the priest's native village of Abruzzi. Where does FH go on his furlough instead, and why?

05. Describe FH's job with the Italian army. What is his relationship with the men under his command?

06. What is the effect on Catherine of her fiance's death in the war?

07. How does Lt. Rinaldi react to Catherine's obvious preference for FH? Was he sincere in his expressed intent to marry her?

08. Why does FH compare his early relationship with Catherine to a game of chess or bridge? Does she share this view?

09. What do FH's drivers think of the war? Are they, in this respect, representative of the common people of their country?

10. Contrast the personalities of the Lt. Rinaldi and the priest as revealed in their visits to FH in the hospital.
11. Why does the priest call FH a patriot? Does he mean this as a compliment?
12. What is the priest's definition of love? Is the love affair between FH and Catherine genuine, according to the priest's definition? Why or why not?
13. In what condition does FH find the hospital in Milan? How do he and the superintendent, Miss Van Campen, get along?
14. Describe the horse races at San Siro. What is it about them that makes Catherine feel "unclean"?
15. What does Catherine think of Ettore Moretti? What are her views on the subject of courage?
16. What does Catherine mean when she says to FH that "Nobody is like us"?
17. What is the mood FH encounters in Gorizia when he returns from the hospital? How has Lt. Rinaldi changed?
18. What does FH think of Gino's patriotism? Explain the reasons for his opinion.
19. What command abilities does FH exhibit during the retreat?
20. Why does FH shoot the Italian sergeant during the retreat? Is he justified in doing so? How do his drivers react to the shooting?

21. Describe the mood of the retreating army.

22. Why does FH desert? Is he justified in doing so? Of what significance is his long immersion in the river?

23. Describe Helen Ferguson's reaction to FH's appearance at Stresa. In what ways does FH misinterpret her anger?

24. Despite their age difference, how are Count Greffi and FH alike?

25. As a deserter, what assistance from the civilians in Milan and Stresa does FH receive? What does this show about the popularity of the war?

26. Does Catherine face death with the same courage she faced life? Why does she die? What does FH take with him from the relationship and her death?