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A Farewell to Arms
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Pre-Reading

Author Influences

Objective: Understanding the relationship between *Hemingway's* experiences and themes in his writing

Activity 1

Often, authors will draw on their own life experiences as a basis for their writing. Ernest Hemingway is well known for drawing on personal experiences to write his books. Research Hemingway's life, and complete the chart below with some of his personal experiences that could possibly be used in the book. The first one is done for you. Leave the second column blank, because you will review your responses after finishing the book.

Ernest Hemingway's Experiences	Frederick Henry's Experiences
Left the United States and lived in Europe	

Name: _____

Date: _____

As You Read...

Symbolism

Objective: Understanding an author's use of weather to create mood

Activity

Authors frequently use weather to create the mood in a scene. As you read *A Farewell to Arms*, keep a log of phrases about weather that Hemingway uses to portray a mood or image, and explain the significance of each. We have done one for you.

SYMBOLISM CHART

Page	Quotation	Significance
Pg. 3	“The trunks of the trees were dusty and the leaves fell early that year...and the dust rising and leaves, stirred by the breeze...and the road bare and white except for the leaves.”	The summer was hot, and it had not rained. The soldiers marching through the town were hot and tired.

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Book One

Prediction

Objective: Predicting possible outcomes

Activity

At the end of Book One, Frederick has been to the front several times and has been injured. Frederick moves to an American hospital in Milan, and he realizes his relationship with Catherine is more than he originally intended. In your groups, discuss possible endings for the book, and answer the questions in the chart below. Be sure to explain your responses.

Based on your answers to these questions, work with your group to write a scene that might be used to open Book Two.

Question	Book 1	Book 2	Book 3	Book 4	Book 5
Will Frederick recover enough to be sent back to the front?					
Will Frederick stay in the medical corps for the entire war?					
Will Frederick survive the war?					
Will Catherine survive the war?					
Will Catherine and Frederick marry?					
What will happen to Rinaldi?					

Name: _____

Date: _____

Chapter XXVII**Style****Objective:** Identifying elements of figurative and literal language**Activity**

A literal sentence is one in which its meaning is limited to the meaning of each word in it. A figurative sentence is one in which the meaning is symbolic, often using such literary devices as personification, hyperbole, similes, metaphors, and idioms. Usually you can identify figurative language by its use in a sentence. For example, Frederick says, "The apple was reason." (Pg. 171) An apple cannot be reasonable because reason requires the ability to feel and think; instead this is an example of figurative language.

In your group, review this chapter, and identify phrases that use figurative language to convey a thought. Then write the literal meaning of the phrase and its intended figurative meaning. The first one is done for you.

Name: _____

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Chapter XXXIV**Oral Presentation****Objective:** Preparing an oral presentation**Activity**

One of the main themes in *A Farewell to Arms* concerns the inevitability of death. Sooner or later, all persons give themselves up to death; but until that time, they must continue to move on through life regardless of what happens around them. The following passage summarizes Frederick's attitude toward life and death:

If people bring so much courage to this world the world has to kill them to break them, so of course it kills them. The world breaks every one and afterward many are strong at the broken places. But those that will not break it kills. It kills the very good and the very gentle and the very brave impartially. If you are none of these you can be sure it will kill you too but there will be no special hurry. (Pg. 249)

Assume the role of Frederick, and use his attitude toward life as a basis for a speech that you must deliver at the National Federation of Veterans. Be sure to evaluate the interests and beliefs of your audience before preparing your speech. To help convey your ideas, you may want to use audiovisual aids, such as posters, pictures, or computer-generated slide presentations.