

A Long Way Gone: Chapter 15

Study Questions (pgs 126-137)

Name _____
Date _____

- On page 126, what does Ishmael say is his rule? What does this mean?
- How did the war change Junah? (pg 127)
- What is significant about Junah's machine gun? (pg 127-128).
- Why does Ishmael have a mark on his hand? (pg 128)
- Why did the UNICEF men take the boys away? How did the boys feel about it? (pg 129-130)
- What amazed Ishmael about the city? (pg 131)
- Describe the place the men from the UNICEF took the boys?
- What realization made the boys sit back down after they started fighting?
- What wouldn't a change of environment make the boys normal? (pg 135)
- How many people were killed during the fight? (pg 136)
A. 0 B. 2 C. 6 D. 18
- Why was Ishmael beginning to shake? (pg 30)

A Long Way Gone, Chapter 15 Vocabulary

accustomed	boffed	enriled	generator
joyful	mingle	miraculously	raid

Directions: Write the vocabulary word from above in the boxes below next to the correct sentence.

- "I killed the owner of this gun in our last _____." (Beah 127).
- "It was a social event for commanders to _____ with everyone else." (Beah 127-128)
- "We were _____ to taking orders and did what we were told." (Beah 129).
- "I looked at the guns the MF's carried and _____ them." (Beah 130).
- "They ignored us, as they, too, looked _____ about why they were there." (Beah 131).
- "Most of his colleagues, Staff Sergeant Mansaray and Corporal Gadafi, had died, but the lieutenant had _____ managed to stay alive unscathed." (Beah 128).
- "I was amazed at how many lights there were without the sound of a _____." (Beah 131).
- "Lieutenant Jabati was present, too, and he was a little _____ that night." (Beah 128).

Definitions

Directions: Use the words from above and context clues from the sentences to find the appropriate definition below and write the word in the appropriate box below.

- (adjective) endowed with or characterized by a hearty, joyous humor or a spirit of good-fellowship
- (noun) a sudden assault or attack, as upon something to be seized or suppressed
- (verb) to confuse, bewilder, or perplex
- (noun) a machine that converts mechanical energy into electricity to serve as a power source for other machines.
- (adjective) familiarized by custom or use
- (verb) to associate or participate with others
- (verb) wanting what someone else has
- (adjective) of or caused by a miracle; hard to believe; surprisingly

Synonyms

Directions: Use the words from above and their definitions to determine the best set of synonyms

- arrest, break-in, onslaught, sweep
- bewilder, confuse, daze
- blend, intermingle, mix
- bepridge, desire, want
- merry, jolly, convivial
- extraordinarily, magnificently, spectacularly

Antonyms

Directions: Use the words from above and their definitions to determine the best set of antonyms

- clarity, explain, help
- divide, separate, unmix
- gloomy, sad
- letting go, release, retreat
- dislike, hate, content
- badly, poorly, ordinary

Along Way Gone: Chapter 16

Setting: *Que's lions* (pgs 138-151)

Name _____
Date _____

1. Why did they resort to more violence? (pg 139)

2. Who is Poppay and why did the boys attack him? Why do you think the boys reacted so violently? (pg 139)

3. What made the boys hate the civilians? (pg 140)

- A. their accents
- B. their smiles
- C. their arrogance
- D. their jokes

4. How did Ishmael know that the man was not there to take him back to the front line? (pg 142)

5. What mistake did Alhaji make when he was practicing his Rambo moves? (pg 143)

6. What gave the boys an advantage when shooting? (pg 143)

7. What nickname was Ishmael given? Provide a quote from the book to explain the nickname. (pg 144)

- A. Green Snake
- B. Rambo
- C. Little Devil
- D. Viper

8. How long did the withdrawals last and what happened when they were over? (pg 145)

9. What did the Ishmael do with the money he made selling his school supplies? (pg 146)

10. Why did Ishmael's neck hurt?

11. Why couldn't Ishmael remember his childhood? (pg 149)

12. Why didn't they shoot the prisoners? (pg 151)

Along Way Gone: Chapter 17

Study Questions (pgs 152-166)

Name _____
Date _____

1. Why did Ahaji tease Ishmael? (pg 152)
2. What did the nurse get Ishmael? (pg 154)
3. Why did Ishmael tell the nurse the truth about how he got shot? (pg 154-155)
4. Why didn't Ishmael really feel like he got shot? (pg 157)
5. What does CAW stand for and what does it do? (pg 161)
6. What did Leslie buy Ishmael at the market after his examination? (pg 162)
7. How did Esther know that Ishmael loved to write song lyrics? (pg 163)
8. What was different about the dream Ishmael had that made him fall off his bed? (pg 164-165)
9. What made Ishmael begin to believe the phrase he hated hearing: "None of these things are your fault?" (pg 165)
10. Why did Ishmael want the sky to talk to him? (pg 166)

Along Way Gone, Chapter 17 vocabulary

chiseled	contrasted	counterattack	gruesome
indicating	intentions	sortow	walkman

- Directions:** Write the vocabulary word from above in the boxes below next to the correct sentence.
1. "In the boxes beside most of the names there was a check _____ that they had been at least one session" (Beah 153).
 2. "I felt as if I had had nails hammered into the bones of my foot and my veins were being _____" (Beah 157).
 3. "I was very suspicious of people's _____" (Beah 153).
 4. "Her face filled with _____ and her voice was shaking when she spoke: 'You have to tell me what happened so I can prescribe treatment'" (Beah 154).
 5. "I sternly asked, 'Why did you get me this _____ and cassette if we are not friends? And how did you know that I like rap music?'" (Beah 154).
 6. "Our first _____ was carried out in order to secure ammunition from the dead" (Beah 156).
 7. "So I told her the whole story about how I got shot, not because I really wanted to, but because I thought that if I told her some of the _____ truth of my war years she would be afraid of me and would cease asking me questions" (Beah 155).
 8. "Her white teeth _____ with her dark, shiny skin, and when she smiled, her face not only increased in beauty, it also glowed with charm" (Beah 152).

Definitions

- Directions:** Use the words from above and context clues from the sentences to find the appropriate definition below and write the word in the appropriate box below.
1. (noun) *Trademark:* a brand of small portable stereo cassette player, radio, or cassette player and radio used with headphones.
 2. (adjective) sharply or clearly shaped
 3. (adjective) causing great horror, horribly repugnant; grisly; distressing
 4. (verb) to be or give a sign or symptom of; imply
 5. (noun) distress caused by loss, affliction, disappointment, etc.; grief, sadness, or regret
 6. (verb) to compare in order to show unlikeliness or differences; note the opposite natures, purposes, etc. of
 7. (noun) an attack made as an offset or reply to another attack
 8. (noun) reasons or purpose for doing something

Synonyms

- Directions:** Use the words from above and their definitions to determine the best set of synonyms.
1. implying, signaling, suggesting
 2. frightful, horrific, terrible
 3. misery, pain, sadness, suffering
 4. contradict, vary
 5. purpose, reasons
 6. reprisal, retribution, revenge

Antonyms

- Directions:** Use the words from above and their definitions to determine the best set of antonyms.
1. gladness, happiness, joy
 2. agree, similar
 3. forgiveness, pardon
 4. attractive, beautiful, wonderful

Along Way Gone: Chapter 18

Name _____

Date _____

Study Questions (pgs 167-178)

1. Why did Ishmael feel as though he had nothing left to be alive for? (pg 167)

2. Who is Abigail? (pg 168)

3. What would Ishmael tell people when he spoke about stopping child soldiering? (pg 169)

4. During Ishmael's 7th month at the center, what news did Leslie share with him? (pg 170)

5. Who is Uncle Tommy and what does he do? (pg 171)

6. How did Ishmael know that the man was really his uncle? (pg 172)

7. On page 173, Ishmael says that he believes in the "fragility of happiness" what does he mean by this? Do you agree? Why or why not?

8. When his uncle came to visit what did they do together and why did Ishmael like it? (pg 174-175)

9. Why didn't Uncle Tommy tell his children about Ishmael's life as a child soldier? (pg 176)

10. Who were Uncle Tommy's children? How many biological children did Uncle Tommy have? (pg 177)