

Over the Top

As you work through the game, make sure to answer the following questions:

1) What reason does the main character give for having volunteered to join the army?

- What reasons can you provide to explain the willingness of hundreds of thousands of young Canadian men to enlist during the First World War?

2) When soldiers were not fighting in battles, how did they pass the time? From the passages in the story, outline a “typical day” of a Canadian soldier in the trenches.

3) What are some of the main character’s concerns prior to going to sentry duty? How does he deal with his anxiety?

4) What is a “trench raid” and what incentives are offered to soldiers to take part in them? Why are these necessary? What is a “billet” and how do you explain its’ appeal to front-line fighters?

5) How are German soldiers described in the story? Are they better or worse off than the Canadian living in the opposite trenches?

6) What techniques do the main characters in the story use to approach and enter the German lines during the night trench raid? What techniques do they then use to return to their own lines?

7) What is the purpose of a “sap” What are the worst fears of the

