

The War: Choose two questions to respond to orally.

- 1) Why was Stu's dad Steven against fighting?
- 2) Why did Steven change his mind about fighting?
- 3) What did Steven believe in?
- 4) What was Steven' s struggle or conflict?
- 5) Why did Steven **have** to save his co-worker in the mine?
- 6) What kept Steven alive for so long after the mining accident?
- 7) What lesson did Lydia and Elvedine teach the summer school teacher?
- 8) What is *ironic* about Billy Lipnike's "ice cream coma"?
- 9) Why does Billy ask: "Why are we doing this? Why can't we share the fort?"
- 10) Why does Stu decide to fight the Lipnikes?
- 11) How is the kids' war both alike and different from the Vietnam War?
- 12) How does Billy bring the kids' war to an end?
- 13) Why did Stu **have** to save Billy?
- 14) Lydia asked her Dad to be her guardian angel, and when Billy was drowning in the water tank pool, he said that he saw an angel who looked like Stu but older. Do you believe in guardian angels?
- 15) Why did Steven get his "dream house" for his family, but the kids' "dream house"/fort was destroyed?
- 16) Who are the heroes in this story and why are they heroes?
- 17) Which **character** did you like best and why?
- 18) Which part of this story/film did you like best and why?