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# Activity Pack

## A FAREWELL TO ARMS

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**Chapter I****Imagery****Objective:** Understanding the use of scenery to convey contrasting images**Activity**

Chapter I includes many descriptive phrases that show the contrast between the beautiful countryside and the horror of war. Using the chart below, identify those phrases that help you visualize a beautiful image and those that create an image of war.

**IMAGERY CHART**

Page	Quotation	Interpretation

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Chapter XIII

#### Theme

**Objective:** Using images to represent theme

#### Activity

In this chapter, Frederick says he is afraid at night, so much so that he can't sleep until it is light. Using a variety of materials, create a collage that represents the theme of fear. Some suggested items you can use to design your collage are: magazine clippings, drawings, photographs, symbolic items, art supplies, and any other appropriate materials. When you are finished, present your collage to your class, and explain how each item on your collage is related to fear.

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**Chapter XXII****Point of View****Objective:** Understanding the impact of a character's perspective**Activity**

When Miss Van Campen finds all the empty alcohol bottles hidden in Frederick's armoire, she gets very angry with him, but he doesn't seem to take her very seriously. Their conversation is told from Frederick's point of view, so you read his thoughts and feelings as well as hear what he says. However, you hear only what Miss Van Campen says, not her thoughts and feelings. Assume the role of Miss Van Campen, and write a letter to Frederick's superior officer about Frederick's use of alcohol.

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**Chapters XXV****Tone****Objective:** Using tone to create mood**Activity 1**

When Frederick returns to Gorizia after having been wounded, he describes the setting in detail before he says, "It did not feel like a homecoming." (Pg. 163) He has not spoken to anyone when he comes to this conclusion. As Hemingway does in many of his novels, he uses visual images to create a mood such as Frederick's. Read the description on Pg. 163, and identify the specific images that lead to Frederick feelings about not having a homecoming.

**Activity 2**

When someone has been away for a long time, it's nice to feel welcome and happy to be home. However, Frederick was not happy to be back in Gorizia, as he shows in his description of the setting. Assume the role of Hemingway, and pretend that Frederick is happy to be back with your friends in Gorizia. Rewrite the first paragraph of Page 163 in Hemingway's style to portray Frederick's happiness.

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**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.

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**Chapter XXIX****Styles of Government****Objective:** Understanding the differences between forms of government**Activity**

As this chapter closes, Piani and Bonello are joking around by calling each other anarchists and socialists. When Frederick questions them about this, Bonello says, "We're socialists. We come from Imola." (Pg. 208) Anarchy and socialism are two different philosophies for governing a country. Research the definition and beliefs of the topic your teacher assigns to your group, including its principles, famous leaders, and the advantages and disadvantages of this method of governing. Prepare a presentation for your class.

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**Chapter XXX****Letter Writing****Objective:** Writing a letter of condolence**Activity**

Frederick loses one of his close friends in his unit, and Aymo is shot by the Italians, not the Germans or Austrians. As the commander of the unit, it is Frederick's responsibility to write Aymo's family and let them know that Aymo died in the line of duty. Frederick must tell the truth about the circumstances of Aymo's death, but he also has to be careful not to discredit the Italian army, or the letter will be censored. Assume the role of Frederick, and write a letter to Aymo's family.

You could begin like this:

*Dear Mr. and Mrs. Aymo,*



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter XXXIII****Wanted Poster****Objective:** Identifying physical and character traits**Activity**

As Frederick floats down the river, he realizes that Piani will probably tell their commander that Frederick is missing, most likely dead. Since Piani said that Frederick dove into the river, Catherine is hopeful that Frederick may not be dead, but injured and hiding somewhere in the area. Assume the role of Catherine, and prepare a poster asking for information about Frederick's disappearance, condition, and location.