What do you think of the “Fascist theory of action” as Joe describes it? Do you think he’s right that intellectuals and ideas are not important?

Joe says “change’s always harsh on the loser. Nothing new.” Is he right? Are there examples of a country losing a war and having an easy transition? If there are, are these examples unusual, or are they the rule? If there aren’t, why do you think that’s the case?

Why do you think Mr. Childan changed his mind about having the pins made into good luck charms?

Why do you think Mr. Childan demands an apology from Paul?

Describe the different factions of the German government that have been described so far in the book, how they work together, and how they are opposed.

How does the revelation of Operation Dandelion affect the Japanese-German alliance? What do you think will happen?

Do you think something like Operation Dandelion was inevitable? Why or why not?