How do you think the Sergeants and Corporal Potter see the plight of the soldiers?

How do you think Sub-major Stott sees the plight of the soldiers?

Think about what happens before the battle. What are three differences between the soldiers and the officers?

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Think about what happens after the battle. What are three differences between the soldiers and the officers?

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What do you think of the Table of Organization in chapter 16? Why do you think there are two vacant positions? What do you think people in these positions would do?

Why do you think Haldeman wrote the battle the way he did, with almost no participation by the soldiers?

Why do you think Haldeman includes the *future shock* concept that he does in the book?

What do you think the different reactions before and after the battle say about the officers and the enlisted soldiers?

Do you think Sergeant Mandella would make a good officer? Why or why not?

What do you think the most shocking change that’s happened on Earth is?

Why do you think the Earth has so many problems?

Why do you think that there is rationing during war?

What do you think the effect on the civilian economy of the Elite Conscription Act has been?

Do you think Mandella is right that the Earth’s economy would collapse if the war ended? Why or why not?

How does your answer about whether or not the economy would collapse if the war ended relate to your answer about what the effect of the Elite Conscription Act has been on the civilian economy?