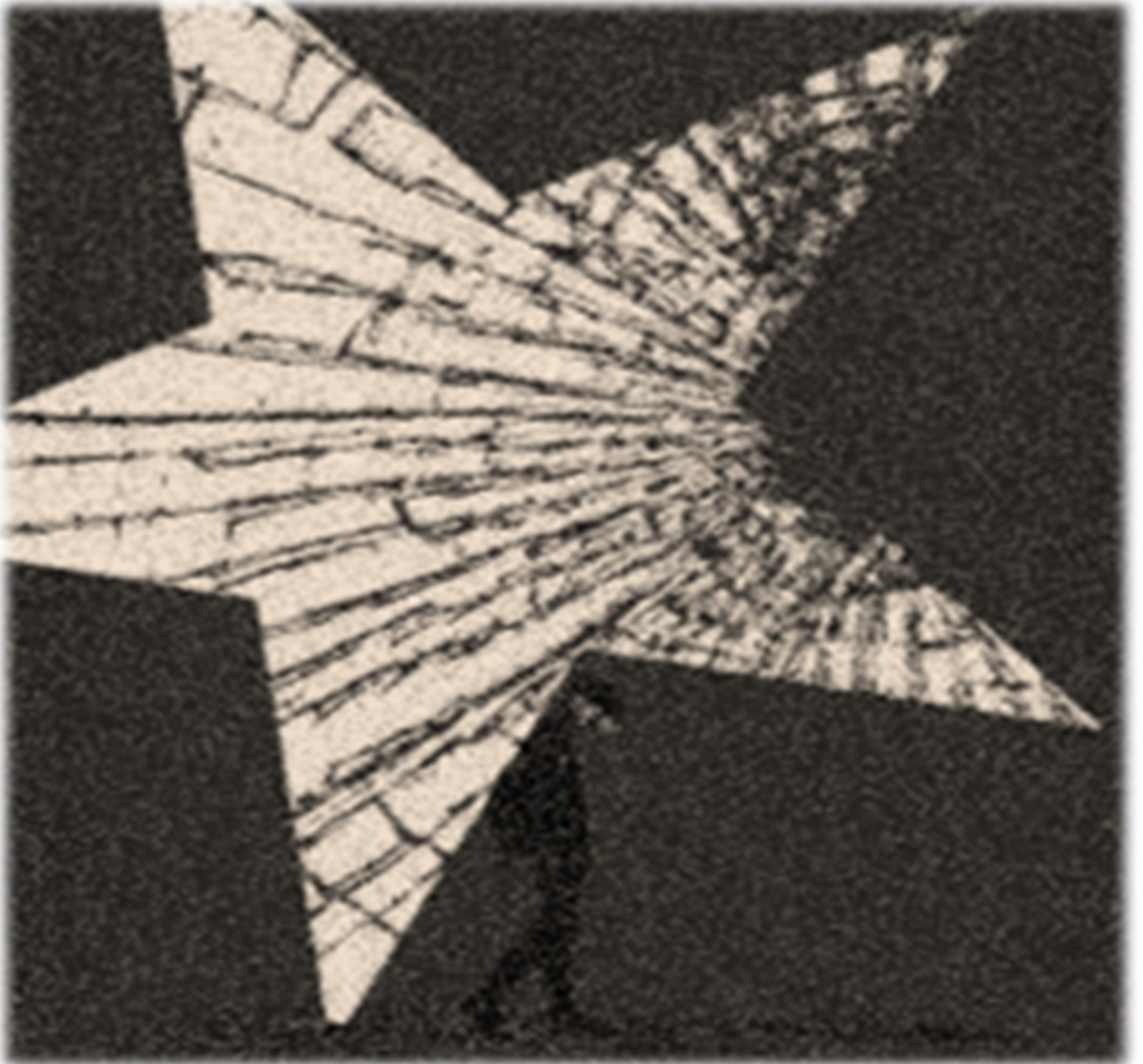


HEROES



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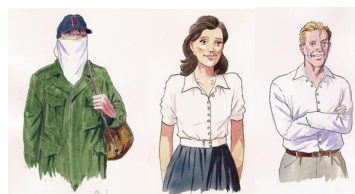
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HEROES CHRONOLOGY

Put the key events below in chronological order by numbering them from 1 to 36. This is not the order that they happen in the book but rather the order that they happen in time.

Event	Number
As a child, Francis' parents died and he was taken in by his uncle.	1
At the end of the evening, Larry compels Francis to leave him and Nicole together.	
Francis admits to Larry that he only enlisted because he wanted to die.	
Francis and Nicole become closer and a relationship begins to develop.	
Francis and Nicole meet for the final time. Nicole makes it clear that she does not want any kind of relationship with Francis and this provides closure for Francis.	
Francis becomes an excellent table tennis player under the guidance of Larry LaSalle.	
Francis considers committing suicide and climbs to the church steeple. However, he realises that he can't disgrace his family this way.	
Francis describes his nightmare, showing how traumatised he is by his experiences in war.	
Francis does not shoot Larry. Instead, Larry controls the situation and this eventually results in him shooting himself after Francis has left.	
Francis enlists in the army.	
Francis finds Arthur Rivier drunk in Pee Alley and gives an emotional, moving and realistic description of the war.	
Francis Joseph Cassavant returns to Frenchtown after the war.	
Francis learns that Larry LaSalle has returned to Frenchtown.	
Francis meets Nicole for the first time in school and immediately falls in love.	
Francis realises, whilst in England, the severity of his facial disfigurement.	
Francis visits Larry LaSalle with the intention of carrying out his mission.	
Francis visits Nicole but it is clear they no longer have a relationship. Nicole blames Francis for what happened.	
Francis visits Nicole's old three-decker.	

Francis visits the convent to try to find out where Nicole lives.	
Francis visits the St Jude Club again and asks the men about Larry LaSalle. This time he is recognised as a silver star hero by Arthur Rivier.	
Francis wins the table tennis tournament.	
Francis, who waited outside for Nicole, realises what has happened and is immediately filled with guilt because of his inaction. Larry leaves the wreck centre as if nothing has happened.	
Francis rents a tenement from Mrs Belander but chooses to remain anonymous.	
In a flashback to 1941, Larry becomes one of the first Frenchtown men to enlist.	
Francis and Enrico Ruccelli spend time in hospital. We learn that they both have contemplated suicide.	
In Larry's absence, Francis and Nicole's relationship blossoms and he asks her out on a date.	
Larry LaSalle is introduced to the novel and he reopens the wreck centre for the children of Frenchtown. Francis begins to spend his time there.	
Larry opens the wreck centre for a special night and we see how close Francis and Nicole have become.	
Larry rapes Nicole.	
News arrives in Frenchtown of Larry's heroism.	
Nicole begins to attend the wreck centre too.	
Nicole dances with Larry and we begin to realise the inappropriate nature of their relationship. Francis is jealous of the dance.	
On his way to the wreck centre, Francis meets Arthur Rivier and goes to the St Jude Club with him.	
The people of Frenchtown gather to welcome back Larry. It soon becomes clear that he has changed dramatically.	
There are rumours circulating Frenchtown about Larry's sudden departure.	
Francis leaves Frenchtown and his future is uncertain.	36



SCENE SUMMARY

Explain what is happening in each of the scenes below and why the event is so significant. Think about what each one reveals about the characters. Use the example to guide you.

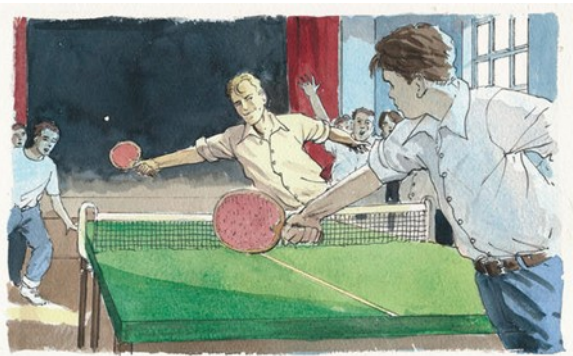


This is the moment Francis finally confronts Larry Lasalle after waiting months for his return. Francis has every intention of killing Larry Lasalle when he turns up at his tenement. However, Francis underestimated how it would feel to see his former hero again. Larry is extremely fragile in this scene in stark contrast to earlier in the novel. This is an extremely significant moment in the novel because Francis has the opportunity to avenge Nicole but this is not how this encounter unfolds. Francis is not capable of murder despite the hatred he feels for Larry and instead Larry tells Francis he plans on killing himself, thus, you could argue, saving Francis from himself.

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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. What is Francis' favourite novel?
 - a. Rebecca
 - b. To Have and Have Not
 - c. A Farewell to Arms
 - d. The Sun Also Rises
2. Name Francis' brother who died hours after birth.
 - a. Raymond
 - b. Vincent
 - c. Louis
 - d. Norman
3. What family moved into the Renards' home?
 - a. Langevin
 - b. Morrisette
 - c. Tourigny
 - d. Agneaux
4. What famous American singer, dancer, actor and choreographer is Larry Lasalle compared to?
 - a. Gene Kelley
 - b. Donald O'Connor
 - c. Frank Sinatra
 - d. Fred Astaire
5. On what Pacific island did Joey LeBlanc die?
 - a. Tarawa
 - b. Solomon
 - c. Iwo Jima
 - d. Wake
6. What was the Wreck Centre's first musical production?
 - a. Follies and Fancies
 - b. Autumn Leaves
 - c. 42nd Street
 - d. Anything Goes
7. Name Frenchtown's primary sport.
 - a. Ice hockey
 - b. American football
 - c. Baseball
 - d. Basketball
8. The street of which famous fictional detective does Francis visit on a three-day pass, from hospital, in London?
 - a. Sherlock Holmes
 - b. Auguste Dupin
 - c. Hercule Poirot
 - d. Lord Peter Wimsey
9. Name the cinema Nicole and Francis regularly attend.
 - a. Plymouth
 - b. Monument
 - c. Southampton
 - d. Albany
10. What does Francis apply to his wounds?
 - a. Abe Vera
 - b. Saline
 - c. Hydrogel
 - d. Vaseline
11. The baseball cap that Francis wears belongs to what team?
 - a. Frenchtown Tigers
 - b. Red Sox
 - c. Celtics
 - d. Eagles
12. What American defence centre was Francis discharged from?
 - a. Fort Amory
 - b. Fort Elizabeth
 - c. Fort Delta
 - d. Fort Jefferson
13. What is Francis' middle name?
 - a. Joseph
 - b. James
 - c. John
 - d. Joshua
14. Where does Uncle Louis return to when Francis joined the army?
 - a. California
 - b. Worcester
 - c. Albany
 - d. Canada
15. Name the crosstown rivals of the Frenchtown Tigers.
 - a. Westside Knights
 - b. Portland Seadogs
 - c. Connecticut Tigers
 - d. Bridgeport Bluefish



GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. Francis' father was an 'all-star catcher for the Frenchtown Tigers'. What was his nickname?

- a. Lefty
- b. Cool Papa
- c. Shoeless Joe
- d. Mr Baseball

2. Name Francis' doctor.

- a. Dr Abrams
- b. Dr Altkenhead
- c. Dr Arthur
- d. Dr Ashton

3. What academy does Nicole attend?

- a. St Jude's
- b. St Bernadette's
- c. St Anne's
- d. St Agatha's

4. What novel does Francis swap his rations of Chesterfields for?

- a. A Farewell to Arms
- b. Autumn Leaves
- c. The Great Gatsby
- d. Rebecca

5. On what street does Nicole live?

- a. Ninth and Spruce
- b. Fifth Street
- c. Sixth Street
- d. Mechanic Street

6. What song does Larry dance to with Nicole?

- a. Happy Days Are Here Again
- b. Green Eyes
- c. Dancing in the Dark
- d. I'll be with you in Apple Blossom Time

7. Tick two Frenchtown newspapers.

- a. Monument Times
- b. Frenchtown News
- c. Wickburg Telegraph
- d. Monument Star

8. What is the name of the strangler's book of heroes?

- a. Frenchtown Warriors
- b. Frenchtown Heroes
- c. Silver Star Warriors
- d. Silver Star Heroes

9. What does Nicole allow Francis to buy her at the movies?

- a. Butterscotch Bit
- b. Milk Duds
- c. Tootsie Rolls
- d. Mr Goodbar

10. Nicole moves to Frenchtown from...

- a. Addison, New York
- b. Adamsville, New York
- c. Albion, New York
- d. Albany, New York

11. Who got married at Grenier Hall? Tick two.

- a. Marie Blanche-Touraine
- b. Hervey Rochelle
- c. Dennis O'Brien
- d. Edna Beauchene

12. Where does Dr Abrams live?

- a. Monument City
- b. New York City
- c. Kansas City
- d. Chicago

13. Who leads St Jude's catholic Church?

- a. Father Ignatius
- b. Father Augustine
- c. Father Jerome
- d. Father Balthazar

14. What is Francis' mother's maiden name?

- a. Raymond
- b. Molliner
- c. Beaumont
- d. Grenier

15. Where did Uncle Louis work?

- a. Laurier's Drug Store
- b. Monument Comb Shop
- c. Henault's Market
- d. Monument Public Library



KNOWLEDGE BUILDER

Research the reference points below to improve your understanding of the novel. Answer the question that follows each section. Try to make links to the reference point.

Who was St Jude?



How are the veterans of the St Jude club presented?

Who was St Thérèse?



How is Nicole first presented in the novel?

Summarise the story of the Pied Piper.



Why is it important that Cormier compares Larry to the Pied Piper?


Who was Fred Astaire?



Why is it important that Cormier compares Larry to Fred Astaire?

QUOTATION PRACTICE

Learn the following quotations. You will have a quotation test set by your teacher and will need to know these quotations fully.

<p>TEST 1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 'I walk with my head down' 'I am not a hero, of course' 'It's hard for me to pray for him' 'It would always be Nicole Renard' 'I silently pledged her my love and loyalty forever' 'The pale purity of her face reminded me of St Thérèse' 'The grenade blows my face away' 'She began to stay at home, didn't come out of the house' 'A sudden silence that's even more terrible than exploding shells' 'They're going all out for veterans' 	<p>TEST 2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 'Nicole's visits to the Wreck Centre made my life there complete' 'A smile that revealed dazzling movie-star teeth' 'We knew little about him, however, and he discouraged questions' 'He was our champion' 'To Larry Lasalle, the best of the best' 'This is the pause between one life and another' 'Only the silver star is for heroism' 'Jealousy streaked through me' 'Larry's opinion could never be dismissed' 'Their faces almost touching, lips only an inch or so from a kiss' 	<p>TEST 3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 'I'm not supposed to play favourites, Francis, but you and Nicole are special to me' 'As if they were more than teacher and pupil' 'Her eyes on me, shining for me' 'Nobody talks about the war' 'We weren't heroes. We were only there' 'She had a way of teasing, which coaxed me into forgetting my shyness' 'I had already planned my own method after my mission was completed' 'How his first home-coming in the war had changed our lives forever' 'I couldn't breathe, my body rigid, my lungs burning' 'I stood there helplessly' 
<p>TEST 4</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 'It's amazing the heart makes no noise when it cracks' 'His slenderness was knife-like now, lethal' 'I realised they were Larry's words not mine' 'We always did what Larry Lasalle told us to do' 'Whistling a tune - Dancing in the Dark' 'Whimpering like a small animal caught and trapped' 'My betrayal of her in my eyes' 'How long would it take to plunge to the sidewalk?' 'Accusation in her voice' 'I went to war because I wanted to die' 	<p>TEST 5</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 'Sweet young things' 'We love our sins. We love the things that make us evil' 'Does that one sin of mine wipe away all the good things?' 'So lower your gun, Francis, one gun is enough for what has to be done' 'Maybe it was foolish of me to think we would hug or even shake hands' 'I don't know what a hero is anymore, Nicole' 'The softness from her face is gone and her voice is sharp and brittle' 'Affection is not love' 'Have a good life, Francis. Be whatever will make you happy' 'The real heroes' 	



WHO SAID IT?

1. 'Veteran? Poor boy.'
- Arthur Rivier
 - Mrs Belander
 - Sister Mathilde
 - Norman Rocheleau
2. 'She was like... a hermit.'
- Francis Cassavant
 - Norman Rocheleau
 - Marie Lacroix
 - Sister Mathilde
3. 'Don't fall off, Francis!'
- Joey LeBlanc
 - Marie Lacroix
 - Nicole Renard
 - Edna Beauchene
4. 'You're about fifteen, right? How did you get in the army?'
- Larry Lasalle
 - Mrs Belander
 - Norman Rocheleau
 - Sonny Orlandi
5. 'It's still a bad luck place.'
- Francis Cassavant
 - Nicole Renard
 - Eugene Rouleau
 - Albert Laurier
6. 'To Larry Lasalle, the patron saint of the Wreck Centre.'
- George Richelieu
 - The Strangler
 - Arthur Rivier
 - Joe LaFontaine
7. 'You were always safe with me.'
- Sister Mathilde
 - Larry Lasalle
 - Uncle Louis
 - Arthur Rivier
8. 'You deserve to be recognised, Francis, you're a goddam hero.'
- Arthur Rivier
 - Strangler
 - Larry Lasalle
 - Joe LaFontaine
9. 'You were part of the good times, Francis.'
- Marie Lacroix
 - Larry Lasalle
 - Nicole Renard
 - Arthur Rivier
10. 'We weren't heroes. We were only there.'
- Francis Cassavant
 - Arthur Rivier
 - Enrico Rucelli
 - Joe LaFontaine
11. 'Have a good life, Francis. Be whatever will make you happy.'
- Larry Lasalle
 - Arthur Rivier
 - Sister Mathilde
 - Nicole Renard
12. 'You would have fallen on that grenade, anyway. All your instincts would have made you sacrifice yourself for your comrades.'
- Arthur Rivier
 - Larry Lasalle
 - Enrico Rucelli
 - Nicole Renard
13. 'Life is not that simple, Francis, and neither is a calling to God.'
- Sister Mathilde
 - Mrs Belander
 - Nicole Renard
 - Larry Lasalle
14. 'My table tennis champion. My silver star hero.'
- Uncle Louis
 - Sister Mathilde
 - Nicole Renard
 - Larry Lasalle
15. 'We love the things that make us evil.'
- Enrico Rucelli
 - Larry Lasalle
 - Sister Mathilde
 - Eddie Richards
16. 'Leave everything here, the war, what happened in the Wreck Centre, leave it all behind, with me.'
- Arthur Rivier
 - Nicole Renard
 - Joey LeBlanc
 - Larry Lasalle
17. 'Write about it, Francis.'
- Sister Mathilde
 - Arthur Rivier
 - Nicole Renard
 - Larry Lasalle
18. 'A New England Marine is one of the great heroes of Pacific action, receiving the silver star...'
- Strangler
 - Arthur Rivier
 - Newsreel
 - Francis Cassavant
19. 'We have to keep the world safe for these young people - they are our future.'
- Joey LeBlanc
 - Newsreel
 - Strangler
 - Larry Lasalle
20. 'Say your prayers.'
- Francis Cassavant
 - Sister Mathilde
 - Enrico Rucelli
 - Nicole Renard



REVISING CHARACTER

Using the grid below, make a list of at least 15 pieces of excellent vocabulary you can use to describe each character/ group of characters.

FRANCIS CASSAVANT



LARRY LASALLE



NICOLE RENARD



THE OTHER VETERANS



HOW MUCH DO YOU REMEMBER?

Using the words in the boxes, write a paragraph summing up each main character in the novel.

FRANCIS CASSAVANT

shy
suicidal
war
hero
naïve
vulnerable
revenge
face



Handwriting practice lines for Francis Cassavant.

Handwriting practice lines for Francis Cassavant.

LARRY LASALLE

manipulative
trust
idol
hero
control
dangerous
revenge
power



Handwriting practice lines for Larry Lasalle.

NICOLE RENARD

shy
vulnerable
strong
stoic
caring
innocent
blame
forgiveness



Handwriting practice lines for Nicole Renard.

Handwriting practice lines for Nicole Renard.

REVISING FRANCIS

Label the character outline below with quotations about Francis' appearance. Explain what each quotation shows us about Francis.



'I wear a scarf that covers the lower part of my face'

This shows that Francis lacks confidence as he feels the need to cover up.



FRANCIS CASSAVANT

'I am not the hero he thinks I am'



FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF FRANCIS	FRANCIS AS A CHILD	LARRY'S INFLUENCE ON FRANCIS	FRANCIS AND NICOLE'S RELATIONSHIP
THE IMPACT OF LARRY LASALLE'S ACTIONS	THEME OF HEROISM	FRANCIS AT THE END OF THE NOVEL	KEY QUOTATIONS

REVISING LARRY

Label the character outline below with quotations about Larry's appearance. Explain what each quotation shows us about Larry.



'a smile that revealed dazzling movie star teeth'

This shows that Larry used his pleasant appearance to blind the people of Frenchtown to his true nature.



LARRY LASALLE

*'We love our sins. We love the things that make
us evil. I love the sweet young things'*



FIRST MENTION OF LARRY'S NAME	FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF LARRY	LARRY'S INFLUENCE ON THE CHILDREN OF FRENCHTOWN	LARRY'S RETURN
LARRY'S ATTACK ON NICOLE	THEME OF HEROISM	LARRY AT THE END OF THE NOVEL	KEY QUOTATIONS

REVISING NICOLE

Label the character outline below with quotations about Nicole's appearance. Explain what each quotation shows us about Nicole.



'The pale purity of her face reminded me of the statue of St Thérèse'

This shows Nicole's innocence and how she represents the purity of youth.



NICOLE RENARD

'The pale purity of her face reminded me of the statue of St Thérèse'



<p>WHAT WE LEARN ABOUT NICOLE THROUGH FRANCIS'S THOUGHTS AND ACTIONS</p> <p>NICOLE BLAMES FRANCIS</p>	<p>NICOLE AND FRANCIS'S RELATIONSHIP</p> <p>NICOLE AT THE END OF THE NOVEL</p>	<p>NICOLE AND LARRY'S RELATIONSHIP</p> <p>KEY QUOTATIONS</p>
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REVISING RELATIONSHIPS

Plot key events from each relationship on the timelines below. Try to put the key events in chronological order.

FRANCIS AND NICOLE



FRANCIS AND LARRY



NICOLE AND LARRY





FRANCIS AND NICOLE

*'It's amazing that the heart
makes no noise when it cracks'*



CHAPTER 2 Nicole is introduced through Francis' memories

CHAPTER 9

The relationship develops through Larry and flourishes in his absence

CHAPTER 11

The relationship is destroyed when Larry assaults Nicole

CHAPTER 12

Francis' guilt

CHAPTER 16

Francis and Nicole's final meeting

KEY QUOTATIONS





FRANCIS AND LARRY

'Does that one sin of mine wipe away all the good things?'



CHAPTER 1 Francis' mission and what it reveals about the relationship

CHAPTER 5 Introduction of Larry

CHAPTER 7 Larry coaches Francis

CHAPTER 10 Francis shows the negative impact of Larry's actions

CHAPTERS 11 AND 12 Larry assaults Nicole and Francis blames himself

CHAPTER 14 Francis visits Larry for the final time





NICOLE AND LARRY

'For a while there, he made me feel special'



CHAPTER 2

Nicole at the start of the novel

CHAPTER 7

Francis becomes jealous of the relationship between Larry and Nicole

CHAPTER 9

The innocence of Francis and Nicole's relationship and how it magnifies the horror of the attack

CHAPTERS 11 AND 12

Larry assaults Nicole and Nicole blames Francis

CHAPTER 14

Larry's attitude towards the attack

CHAPTER 16

Francis and Nicole meet for the final time



REVISING MINOR CHARACTERS

Label the character outlines below with as many key facts about the character as you can think of.



ARTHUR RIVIER

MRS BELANDER



JOEY LEBLANC

Write down one key fact about each of the characters/ group of characters below.

Francis' platoon	
Sister Mathilde and Sister Gertrude	
Uncle Louis	
Dr Abrams	
Marie Lacroix	
Mr Laurier	
Louis Arabelle	
The St Jude Club veterans	



ARTHUR RIVIER

THE OTHER VETERANS

'We weren't heroes. We were only there.'



JOEY LEBLANC

ENRICO RUCELLI

THE ST JUDE CLUB VETERANS

FRANCIS' PLATOON

LINKS TO THEMES



REVISING THEMES

HEROISM ✕ REVENGE ✕ LONELINESS ✕ POWER ✕ SECRETS AND LIES ✕ FORGIVENESS ✕ WAR ✕ RELIGION

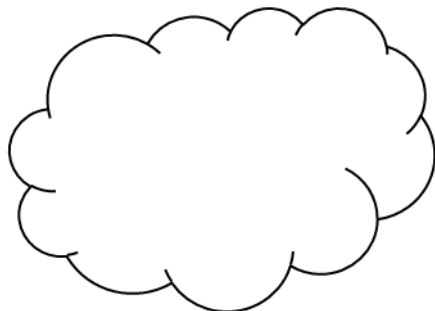
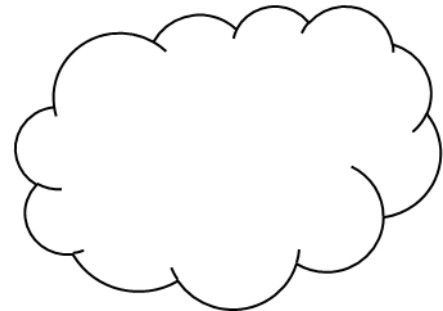
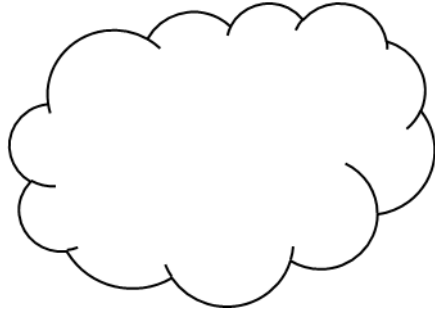
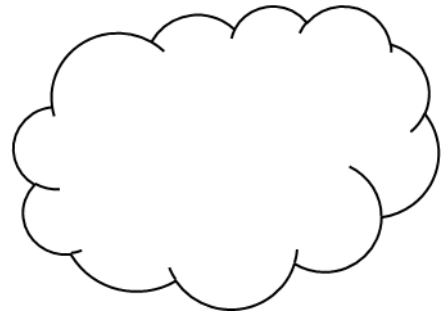
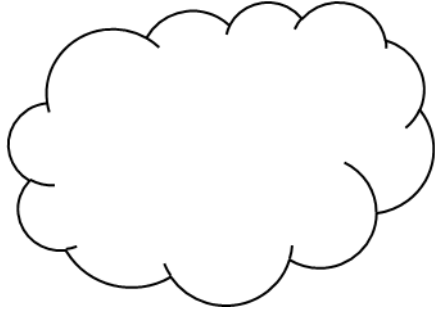
In the boxes below, write down any key events or ideas in the novel that link to each theme.

HEROISM 	REVENGE 
LONELINESS 	POWER 
SECRETS AND LIES 	FORGIVENESS 
WAR 	RELIGION 



QUOTATION HIERARCHY

Choose the five most important quotations in the novel and write them in the bubbles below. Around them, write what they show about character and how they link to key themes.





GATHER YOUR THOUGHTS

Write a paragraph in response to each of the questions below. Include **at least two** quotations per paragraph. These questions could be one of the essay questions in your exam so use these paragraphs to gather your main ideas.

At the end of the novel, Francis thinks about the 'real heroes'. Who do you think is the true hero of the novel?

Handwriting practice lines for the first question.

Could Larry Lasalle be considered both a hero and a villain?

Handwriting practice lines for the second question.

Who do you believe is affected the most by war?

Lined writing area for the first question.

Is Francis responsible for everything that happens to him?

Lined writing area for the second question.

For which character in *Heroes* do you feel the most sympathy?

Lined writing area for the third question.



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