1. What adaptations did the troops make for fighting in the trenches?

2. What is the significance of the carrier pigeons? What role do they play in the war and in the Battle of the Argonne?

3. The General talks about “acceptable losses”, what does that mean and why does Major Whittlesey have a problem with the General’s answer?

4. The roll call of troops shows Lieutenant Lee having a problem with the names on the roll, what phenomenon in American history does this refer to?

5. What did the whistle blowing signify?

6. Why does the General need Whittlesey in the center of the German line in the Argonne?

7. The soldiers show their prejudices towards each other in a discussion about the citizenship test. What is the point of view of each side?

8. One of the most devastating events is the artillery shelling of the U. S. troops? What is the problem? Why does it stop?

9. Why does the German officer want to send a message to Major Whittlesey? What does it say? How does Whittlesey respond?

10. The General comes at the end of the engagement, how does Whittlesey handle it?

11. The Battle of the Argonne Forest is a metaphor for all of World War 1. How?