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Reminiscence

Directions: Respond to the following as directed.

1. Many years later Lt. Cross and Tim meet and reminisce. Describe Cross as he is several years after the war. How has he coped with Ted Lavender's death? with Martha's rejection? Has he become the man of strength he determined that he would be? Why do he and Tim change from drinking coffee to gin?

2. Define the following terms as they relate to literature.

   a. comic relief

   b. grim humor

3. Good playwrights often use comic relief after an act that has been heavy or tragic. List five incidents from "Spin" that make that chapter a kind of comic relief.

4. How do these antics in "Spin" fit the men involved?

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5. Why does Tim say the Vietnam War is boring?

6. Tim's daughter Kathleen accuses him of having an obsession with the war because he writes war stories. Do you agree or disagree? Defend your position.

7. When Mitchell Sanders tells the story about the AWOL soldier, he says the man couldn't wait to get back to combat. What does he say about the effect of peace on the soldier and what does he mean?

8. At the end of the chapter, the author gives reasons for writing stories. List three purposes stories can serve.

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