



GUIDED VIEWING

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Pre-Viewing Questions

Before you watch the film, research the Battle of Dunkirk online and answer the following questions:

1. The Battle of Dunkirk was made possible because of the German's "Halt Order." What was the date of this order, what did it accomplish, and why was it significant?
2. Approximately how many troops were stuck on the beaches of Dunkirk awaiting rescue?
3. Approximately how many private boats were involved in the evacuation at Dunkirk?
4. The harbor near Dunkirk was protected by two architectural structures known as moles. What were these structures and why were they important to the evacuation of the beach?
5. To this day the British people still refer to the "Dunkirk Spirit." What is meant by this idiom?



Character Key

Match the image of each character with their name. Images are in the order of appearance. Names are listed in alphabetical order. Some characters are not named out loud in the film. They have been filled in for you using their title from the credits.

Tommy



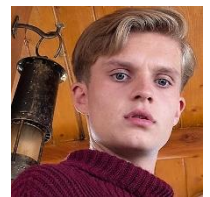
1. ____



2. ____



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4. ____



5. ____



6. ____



Commander Bolton



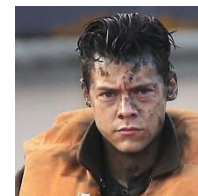
Colonel Winnant



Shivering Soldier



Alex



A. Collins (Fortis 2)

D. George

B. Mr. Dawson

E. Gibson

C. Farrier (Fortis 1)

F. Peter



Notes on Dunkirk's Film Structure

The film Dunkirk follows three interconnected timelines that offer three contrasting views of the battle. The events of the film are not presented sequentially. Instead they jump back and forth in time between the three stories as they build and overlap with one another.

As each story begins, a title card presents the story's title and the period of time which it covers. Using these title cards, please fill out the following:

1. The first story is called "The _____" and covers the period of one _____ as the troops on the beaches of Dunkirk await rescue.
2. The second story is called "The _____" and covers the period of one _____ as a privately-owned boat issues from the British mainland to help in the evacuation of Dunkirk.
3. The third story is called "The _____" and covers the period of one _____ as a formation of spitfire planes attempt to protect the fleeing British troops.

Guided Viewing

Answer the following questions as you watch the movie. Questions are in order.

1. What do the leaflets falling from the sky say?
2. Tommy finds a soldier on the beach putting on new boots. Where did he get these boots?
3. What is the name of the small boat that the man and his son are unloading for the Navy?
4. The two spitfire pilots are instructed to save enough fuel for how many minutes of fighting over Dunkirk?



5. A British soldier is explaining to another group of soldiers that they are not allowed to pass down the Mole to the hospital ship. Why aren't they allowed to pass?
6. What happens to the first enemy plane that the spitfire pilots encounter?
7. According to Colonel Winnant, why did the enemy tanks stop?
8. How many men did Churchill want to save from Dunkirk? How many are currently on the beach?
9. The men on the Moonstone come across a sunken ship. What do they find on top of it?
10. The pilots find a plane wreckage in the water. Whose plane was it?
11. What happens to the hospital boat that was moored alongside the Mole?
12. Why do the two boys hiding beneath the Mole dip under the water before climbing back up?
13. According to Tommy, why doesn't his friend come with him and Alex below deck?
14. What does Mr. Dawson tell George when he asks if the Shivering Soldier is a coward?



15. The boy who remained on the deck of the destroyer sees several row boats approaching the destroyer. What occurs right after he notices these?
16. How does the Shivering Soldier get out of the locked room?
17. As he approaches the water, Collins (Fortis 2) gives Ferrier (Fortis 1) a last fuel reading. How much fuel is left?
18. Who do the boys see on the row boat that they attempt to board?
19. What happens to George when the Shivering Soldier tries to turn the boat around?
20. On the beach soldiers are lining up trucks with boards on top. What are they making?
21. The boys decide to follow a group of Highlanders to an object on the beach. What is it?
22. Why does George want to make it into the newspapers?
23. According to Commander Bolton, what are the destroyers being saved for?
24. What do the group of soldiers decide to do once they reach the beached boat?



25. Alex accuses one of the boys of being a German spy. Is this true?
26. How does Collins (Fortis 2) get out of the sinking plane?
27. As the oil-covered soldiers head below the deck of the Moonstone, Peter yells at them to be careful around George. How does the soldier respond?
28. The Shivering Soldier asks Peter if George will be okay. How does Peter respond?
29. What happens to the surface of the water when the German plane explodes? How is this possible?
30. What happened to Peter's brother in the third week of the war?
31. What does the elderly man tell the boys when he hands them a blanket?
32. Why had Commander Bolton decided to stay in Dunkirk?
33. Alex asks a boy to pass him something through the window of the train. What is it?
34. What does the newspaper headline say about George?
35. What happens to Farrier (Fortis 2) and his plane?



In light of the above, choose a character from the film. Try to get into their mindset and imagine what it would be like to experience what they went through at Dunkirk. Do you think they would consider the evacuation of Dunkirk a victory or a failure and why? Be sure to cite scenes from the film to justify your answer.

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TEACHER'S KEY

Pre-Viewing Questions:

1. The Battle of Dunkirk was made possible because of the German's "Halt Order." What was the date of this order, what did it accomplish, and why was it significant?
 - a. The halt order occurred on May 24th of 1940. It ordered the German artillery and panzer columns to halt which gave the British the opportunity to evacuate Dunkirk.
2. Approximately how many troops were stuck on the beaches of Dunkirk awaiting rescue?
 - a. Approximately 340,000 troops.
3. Approximately how many private boats were involved in the evacuation at Dunkirk?
 - a. Approximately 850 boats.
4. The harbor near Dunkirk was protected by two architectural structures known as moles. What were these structures and why were they important to the evacuation of the beach?
 - a. Many of the ships sent to rescue the troops could not approach the beach directly without running aground. The moles offered a makeshift dock for the boats to attach to.
5. To this day the British people still refer to the "Dunkirk Spirit." What is meant by this idiom?
 - a. According to the McMillan Dictionary, Dunkirk Spirit is "an attitude of being very strong in a difficult situation and refusing to accept defeat."

Character Key:

1. E
2. D
3. F
4. C
5. A
6. B

Notes on Dunkirk's Film Structure:

1. Mole; Week
2. Sea; Day
3. Air; Hour

Guided Viewing:

1. What do the leaflets falling from the sky say?
 - a. "You are surrounded."
2. Tommy finds a soldier on the beach putting on new boots. Where did he get these boots?
 - a. He got them from a body he was burying.
3. What is the name of the small boat that the man and his son are unloading for the Navy?
 - a. Moonstone
4. The two spitfire pilots are instructed to save enough fuel for how many minutes of fighting over Dunkirk?
 - a. 40 minutes

5. A British soldier is explaining to another group of soldiers that they are not allowed to pass down the Mole to the hospital ship. Why aren't they allowed to pass?
 - a. They are French and the ship is only for the British.
6. What happens to the first enemy plane that the spitfire pilots encounter?
 - a. While it is chasing Fortis 2 (Collins), Fortis 1 (Farrier) shoots it down.
7. According to Colonel Winnant, why did the enemy tanks stop?
 - a. "Why waste precious tanks when you can pick us off from the air?"
8. How many men did Churchill want to save from Dunkirk? How many are currently on the beach?
 - a. 30,000
 - b. 400,000
9. The men on the Moonstone come across a sunken ship. What do they find on top of it?
 - a. A shivering soldier.
10. The pilots find a plane wreckage in the water. Whose plane was it?
 - a. It was Fortis Leader's plane.
11. What happens to the hospital boat that was moored alongside the Mole?
 - a. It is bombed from the air and sinks.
12. Why do the two boys hiding beneath the Mole dip under the water before climbing back up?
 - a. They want to look wet so that it looks like they were on the ship instead of hiding beneath the mole.
13. According to Tommy, why doesn't his friend come with him and Alex below deck?
 - a. He wants a quick way out in case the ship sinks.
14. What does Mr. Dawson tell George when he asks if the Shivering Soldier is a coward?
 - a. He tells him that he is shell shocked and that he may never be the same again.
15. The boy who remained on the deck of the destroyer sees several row boats approaching the destroyer. What occurs right after he notices these?
 - a. A torpedo hits the ship.
16. How does the Shivering Soldier get out of the locked room?
 - a. He opens the forward hatch on the other side of the room.
17. As he approaches the water, Collins (Fortis 2) gives Ferrier (Fortis 1) a last fuel reading. How much fuel is left?
 - a. 15 gallons
18. Who do the boys see on the row boat that they attempt to board?
 - a. The shivering soldier from the Moonstone.
19. What happens to George when the Shivering Soldier tries to turn the boat around?
 - a. He gets hit and falls down the stairs.
20. On the beach soldiers are lining up trucks with boards on top. What are they making?
 - a. They are making a makeshift pier on which the boats can dock.
21. The boys decide to follow a group of Highlanders to an object on the beach. What is it?
 - a. They follow them to a beached boat.
22. Why does George want to make it into the newspapers?
 - a. To make his school/dad proud.
23. According to Commander Bolton, what are the destroyers being saved for?
 - a. They are being saved for the next battle. The one for Britain.

24. What do the group of soldiers decide to do once they reach the beached boat?
- a. They decide to hide inside it and wait for the high tide to come in.
25. Alex accuses one of the boys of being a German spy. Is this true?
- a. No. He is a French soldier trying to evacuate with the British.
26. How does Collins (Fortis 2) get out of the sinking plane?
- a. Peter breaks the canopy with a pole.
27. As the oil-covered soldiers head below the deck of the Moonstone, Peter yells at them to be careful around George. How does the soldier respond?
- a. He tells him that George had died.
28. The Shivering Soldier asks Peter if George will be okay. How does Peter respond?
- a. He nods 'yes.'
29. What happens to the surface of the water when the German plane explodes? How is this possible?
- a. The surface of the water catches fire.
- b. It was slicked with oil.
30. What happened to Peter's brother in the third week of the war?
- a. He died.
31. What does the elderly man tell the boys when he hands them a blanket?
- a. "Well done lads."
32. Why had Commander Bolton decided to stay in Dunkirk?
- a. He decided to stay for the French.
33. Alex asks a boy to pass him something through the window of the train. What is it?
- a. A newspaper.
34. What does the newspaper headline say about George?
- a. It says that he was a hero at Dunkirk.
35. What happens to Farrier (Fortis 2) and his plane?
- a. He burns his plane and is captured by the Germans.

Essay

Answers will vary.