

The Moon Is Down

Study Guide for English 211

Elements of Writing

This is just a guide for study to aid you with the quiz and the discussion at the beginning of the school year.

1. Explain why the Germans come to this town. What do they want from it?
2. What is Corell's ambition, and what is the town's attitude toward him?
3. Explain the killing Alexander Morden. What is achieved by it?
4. Fully explain Tonder and Molly Morden's relationship. Why does he visit her, and what happens between the?
5. Explain what the airplanes drop by parachute, what special cargo is attached, and who collects it. What danger is attached?
6. Explain why the soldiers are so upset with the town's people. What problem do you see with the soldier's attitude?
7. Explain the character roles of the existing mayor, Doc, and Colonel Lanser.
8. Essentially, explain what themes do you see represented here. In other words, what does Steinbeck think that we should learn, or admit, about humanity?