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| **“All Quiet on the Western Front”****The film "All Quiet on the Western Front" is a classic Hollywood adaptation of Erich Remarque's novel. It takes a hard look at the tragedy of war using World War I as its backdrop.****As you watch the movie, please answer the following questions. Also note evidence of the ideas of nationalism and militarism.** |
| 1. What is the title of this film? When was it made? Who wrote the original novel? |
| 2. Why did the students join the Army? |
| 3. What role did the mailman (Himmelstoess) have? Was he particularly mean to these recruits? Give an example. |
| 4. How were conditions at the Western Front different from their expectations in training camp? |
| 5. What was the impact of the shelling on the new recruits? |
| 6. What happened after the bombardment? |
| 7. In the attack, what did the machine gun do to the glory of war and individual heroism? |
| 8. How many of the company died in this first battle? How do you know? Why were they able to eat so well finally? |
| 9. Who did they blame for this war? Who did they omit in their list of potential villains? |
| 10. What happened to Kemmerich's boots? How did the doctors' react to Kemmerich's plight? |
| 11. How was Sgt. Himmelstoess received when he arrived at the front? |
| 12. What was the pattern of a battle? What preceded the attack? What followed it? |
| 13. What happened to Paul Baumer when he found himself in a shell hole in No Man's Land with the French soldier? |
| 14. Why did the French girls - ostensibly the enemy - accept the German soldiers? |
| 15. After four years of war, how has the German Homefront been affected? Were there still the parades, crowded streets, and joyous sounds of going off to war? |
| 16. What were the attitudes of the men in the beer hall? Were they willing to listen to what Paul had to say? |
| 17. How does Paul Baumer confront his former teacher? How do the young students react t to his vision of the war? |
| 18. How has the company changed during Paul's absence? |
| 19. What is ironic about Kat's and Paul's deaths? [Note: The war ended on November 11, 11918.] |
| 20. Describe the attitude of this movie towards World War I and all wars.http://media.wiley.com/lit_note_images/6/1.jpg |