**Reading Skills: Making Predictions and Inferences**

* What do you think will happen when the sniper lights the cigarette? (top left of 213)
* What conflict does the old woman cause for the sniper? (top right of 213)
* Why must the sniper leave by morning? Why can’t he use his rifle? (top left of 214)
* What do you think the sniper will do next to avoid being trapped on the rooftop? (middle left of 214)
* What was the purpose of the sniper’s actions in the middle paragraph on page 214 starting with “taking off his cap…”
* What do you think the sniper will do now that his trick succeeded? (bottom left of 214)
* Do you think the sniper may have killed someone he knows? Why or why not? (top right of 215)

**Literary Focus: Conflict, Theme, Characterization**

* Were you surprised to learn that the sniper kills the old woman as well as the soldier? What do the sniper’s actions tell you about him or his situation? (top right of 213)
* What traits does the sniper exhibit after being wounded? (bottom right of 213)
* How does the sniper’s reaction to the death of his enemy change your view of him and his situation? (bottom right of 214)
* How does the final revelation contribute to the message or theme that the author wants to convey about war? (bottom right of 215)