

Three Day Road Practice Quiz

Short Answer Questions

1. Describe the relationship between Xavier and Elijah. How does it evolve throughout the story?
2. What are the key themes explored in "Three Day Road"?
3. How does the use of morphine affect Elijah's character and actions?
4. Explain the significance of the "three-day road" in the context of the novel.
5. Discuss the role of Niska in the story and her influence on Xavier.
6. What is the impact of World War I on the characters and their relationships?
7. How does Joseph Boyden incorporate Indigenous culture and traditions into the narrative?

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What is Xavier's primary skill as a soldier?
a) Hand-to-hand combat b) Sniping c) Morse code operation d) Medic work
2. What is Elijah's attitude towards killing by the end of the war?
a) Reluctant and guilt-ridden b) Indifferent and detached c) Excited and addicted d) Terrified and remorseful
3. Who is Xavier's aunt and primary caregiver?
a) Lisette b) Niska c) Martha d) Suzanne
4. Which drug does Elijah become addicted to during the war?
a) Heroin b) Cocaine c) Opium d) Morphine
5. What does Niska use to heal and tell stories to Xavier?
a) Modern medicine b) Traditional Cree rituals c) Written letters d) Songs and music
6. How does the novel "Three Day Road" end?
a) Xavier dies from his injuries b) Xavier returns to the front lines c) Xavier and Niska start a new life together d) Elijah survives and returns home
7. What does Elijah often do to calm his nerves before battle?

- a) Prays b) Sings c) Uses morphine d) Writes in his journal
8. What is the primary setting of "Three Day Road"?
- a) Canadian wilderness b) Western Front in Europe c) Australian outback d) American Midwest
9. How does Xavier lose his leg?
- a) Stepping on a landmine b) In a sniper attack c) Due to an infection d) In a trench collapse
10. Who is the author of "Three Day Road"?
- a) Joseph Boyden b) Margaret Atwood c) Michael Ondaatje d) Yann Martel
11. What is Niska's role in her community?
- a) Medicine woman b) Chief c) Scout d) Warrior
12. Which animal is significant in Niska's visions?
- a) Wolf b) Bear c) Eagle d) Moose
13. What was Xavier's primary motivation to join the war?
- a) Patriotism b) Adventure c) To escape residential school d) Following Elijah
14. Who betrays Elijah and Xavier during the war?
- a) Lieutenant Breech b) Corporal Thompson c) Sergeant McCaan d) Grey Eyes
15. What is a key symbol representing loss and sacrifice in the novel?
- a) The sniper rifle b) The morphine syringe c) The three-day road d) The wolf
16. How does Elijah die?
- a) In battle b) From an overdose c) Killed by Xavier d) Captured and executed
17. What does the character Grey Eyes represent in the novel?
- a) Loyalty b) Betrayal c) Wisdom d) Courage
18. Why is Niska an outcast in her community?
- a) Her visions and independence b) Her criminal past c) Her health issues d) Her war experiences

19. What was Xavier's promise to his mother before she died?
- a) To never leave Niska
 - b) To return home safely
 - c) To take care of Elijah
 - d) To learn the old ways
20. How does Xavier cope with the trauma of war?
- a) He isolates himself
 - b) He becomes aggressive
 - c) He turns to nature and his Cree heritage
 - d) He writes about his experiences
21. What is the primary narrative structure of "Three Day Road"?
- a) Linear with flashbacks
 - b) Multiple perspectives
 - c) Chronological order
 - d) Stream of consciousness
22. How does the landscape play a role in the novel?
- a) It symbolizes freedom and escape
 - b) It reflects the characters' inner turmoil
 - c) It is a constant reminder of home
 - d) It represents the harsh reality of war
23. What does Xavier name his rifle?
- a) Lady Grey
 - b) Black Wolf
 - c) Niska's Gift
 - d) Raven
24. Why does Elijah start taking scalps?
- a) To prove his bravery
 - b) To send a message to the enemy
 - c) To please his superiors
 - d) To satisfy his growing bloodlust
25. What lesson does Niska hope Xavier learns from the "three-day road"?
- a) The importance of family
 - b) The power of storytelling
 - c) The path to healing and self-discovery
 - d) The horrors of war

True/False Questions

1. Elijah and Xavier both become addicted to morphine. (T / F)
2. Niska has visions that guide her actions throughout the novel. (T / F)
3. Xavier and Elijah fight on the Eastern Front during World War I. (T / F)
4. Elijah is the more morally grounded character compared to Xavier. (T / F)
5. The novel is written from multiple perspectives, including Niska's and Xavier's. (T / F)
6. Xavier saves Elijah's life multiple times during the war. (T / F)
7. Niska's healing rituals are portrayed as ineffective in the novel. (T / F)
8. Elijah respects traditional Cree beliefs and practices. (T / F)
9. Xavier's sniper skills are highly valued by his superiors. (T / F)
10. "Three Day Road" is set during World War II. (T / F)

11. Niska tells stories from her past to help Xavier heal. (T / F)
 12. Elijah's transformation is partly due to his addiction. (T / F)
 13. The novel explores the impact of colonization on Indigenous people. (T / F)
 14. Xavier is more comfortable with the wilderness than urban settings. (T / F)
 15. Elijah ultimately rejects the war and becomes a pacifist. (T / F)
 16. Niska's brother was a shaman in their community. (T / F)
 17. The "three-day road" is a literal journey taken by the characters. (T / F)
 18. Xavier and Elijah were childhood friends before the war. (T / F)
 19. The novel ends with Xavier's death. (T / F)
 20. Niska's stories have no effect on Xavier's recovery. (T / F)
 21. The narrative includes elements of magical realism. (T / F)
 22. Elijah is promoted to a high rank by the end of the war. (T / F)
 23. Xavier views his sniping ability as a curse. (T / F)
 24. Niska's character embodies the resilience of Cree culture. (T / F)
 25. Xavier becomes a celebrated war hero. (T / F)
 26. The novel addresses the psychological impact of warfare. (T / F)
 27. Elijah sees killing as a necessary evil throughout the novel. (T / F)
 28. Xavier kills Elijah to stop his destructive behavior. (T / F)
 29. "Three Day Road" is based on true events and real people. (T / F)
 30. Niska believes the spirits of their ancestors guide them. (T / F)
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Three Day Road Answer Key

Short Answer Questions

1. The relationship between Xavier and Elijah starts as a close friendship, but deteriorates as Elijah becomes increasingly addicted to morphine and obsessed with killing, leading to a final, tragic confrontation.
2. Key themes include the trauma of war, the loss of cultural identity, the struggle for survival, and the importance of healing and reconciliation.
3. Morphine causes Elijah to become erratic, increasingly violent, and detached from reality, ultimately leading to his downfall.
4. The "three-day road" symbolizes a journey of healing and reflection, as well as the passage between life and death.
5. Niska is a healer and storyteller whose knowledge of Cree traditions and personal strength deeply influence Xavier's recovery and understanding of his identity.
6. World War I devastates the characters, causing physical and psychological trauma, altering relationships, and challenging their sense of self and purpose.
7. Boyden incorporates Indigenous culture through language, rituals, spiritual beliefs, and the portrayal of the characters' connections to their heritage and land.

Multiple Choice Questions

1. b) Sniping
2. c) Excited and addicted
3. b) Niska
4. d) Morphine
5. b) Traditional Cree rituals
6. c) Xavier and Niska start a new life together
7. c) Uses morphine
8. b) Western Front in Europe
9. a) Stepping on a landmine
10. a) Joseph Boyden
11. a) Medicine woman
12. b) Bear
13. c) To escape residential school
14. d) Grey Eyes
15. c) The three-day road
16. c) Killed by Xavier
17. b) Betrayal
18. a) Her visions and independence
19. b) To return home safely
20. c) He turns to nature and his Cree heritage
21. a) Linear with flashbacks

22. b) It reflects the characters' inner turmoil
23. d) Raven
24. d) To satisfy his growing bloodlust
25. c) The path to healing and self-discovery

True/False Questions

1. False (Only Elijah becomes addicted to morphine, not Xavier)
2. True
3. False (They fight on the Western Front)
4. False (Elijah becomes morally corrupted by the war)
5. True
6. True
7. False (They are portrayed as powerful and effective)
8. False (Elijah increasingly rejects Cree beliefs)
9. True
10. False (It is set during World War I)
11. True
12. True
13. True
14. True
15. False (Elijah becomes increasingly violent and addicted to killing)
16. True
17. False (It is symbolic rather than a literal journey)
18. True
19. False (The novel ends with Xavier and Niska starting a new life together)
20. False (Niska's stories play a crucial role in Xavier's healing)
21. True
22. False (Elijah's behavior prevents any promotion)
23. True
24. True
25. False (Xavier returns home, struggling with his experiences)
26. True
27. False (Elijah grows to enjoy killing)
28. True
29. False (It is a work of fiction, though inspired by real events)
30. True