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WE WERE SOLDIERS

1. What country is fighting against the Vietnamese at the beginning of the movie?
2. What does the US Military see as the problem in Vietnam & what is the strategy to overcome this problem?
3. Who does Lt. Col. Moore believe should always be the first person out of the plane?
4. Why does Lt. Col. Moore want every man to learn the job of the man above him?
5. What was the point of Lt. Col. Moore's story about Crazy Horse & the Sioux Indians?
6. Shortly after the birth of his daughter, 2nd Lt. Geoghegan expresses his concern about being a soldier & a father – how does Lt. Col. Moore respond to this?
7. How does Lt. Col. Moore explain war to his daughter?
8. Why aren't Lt. Col. Moore's most experienced men coming with him to Vietnam?
9. What's the significance of the 7th Calvary to Lt. Col. Moore?
10. What promise does Lt. Col. Moore make to his men before they leave for Vietnam?
11. How many men does the Lt. Col. Moore have battle ready? How many men does the enemy have?
12. Considering the situation, why does Lt. Col. Moore suspect the enemy has setup an ambush?

13. What does the “boy” that the American forces capture tell them about the enemy?
14. What does Lt. Col. Moore say that the American forces need to do after the fighting begins?
15. The soldiers on both sides constantly refer to the LZ, what does LZ stand for?
16. What area on the battle field does Lt. Col. Moore say is vital?
17. Why does one of the “higher ups” at US Intelligence Headquarters in Saigon think that the events that are occurring at LZ X-Ray constitutes a massacre?
18. What happens to the wounded soldier who gives up his space on the chopper for someone who is hurt worse than him?
19. How does one of the soldiers in the cutoff platoon say that he knows the enemy is approaching even though he can't see them?
20. When Lt. Col. Moore asks Joe Galloway (the reporter) why he is in the heart of the fighting not as a soldier but as a reporter, how does Galloway respond? (***Wait to answer this question until after the story about Galloway's grandparents!!!***)
21. What strategy do the Vietnamese use to attack the American perimeter the next morning?
22. What does Sgt. Maj. Basil Plumley tell Joe Galloway when he says he's a “noncombatant”?
23. How does Lt. Col. Moore cool off the “red-hot” mortars so that they can be used again?
24. What does “Broken Arrow” mean?
25. What happens when 1st Lt. Charlie Hastings makes a mistake on the coordinates he calls in during the “Broken Arrow” air strikes?