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FLYBOYS

The movie *Flyboys* is about American pilots in World War I. The first successful air plane flight was in 1903. Quickly it was adapted as a war machine. By 1914, when World War I broke out in Europe, airplanes were used as weapons of war. It took several years for the U.S. to enter World War I. *Flyboys* follows American pilots helping the French before the U.S. enters the war. There are a lot of historical inaccuracies in the movie, but we are watching the movie to get a feel for how the airplane was used in the war, as well as a general sense of attitudes during the war.

1) Why did Rawlings decide to enter the war?

2) What were the reasons for 3 other of the pilots for joining the war?
   a. One:

   b. Two:

   c. Three:

3) What was the name of the squadron that Rawlings joined?

4) Who is Whisky?

5) What were some of the obstacles the Americans had in training in France?

6) Why did each pilot paint a different symbol on their plane?

7) Why did Rawlings think it was unfair that his friend was shot from an airplane while standing on the ground? What does this say about Rawlings' attitude about the war? And about the Germans?

8) When the airplane fell in No-Man's-Land and we get a glimpse of what Trench War was like, do you think it was more or less dangerous than the fights in the airplanes?

9) Was there any difference in the way the Americans fought the war versus the way the Germans fought?

10) Did Rawlings' feelings about the war change throughout the movie? How? Do you think that is a reflection on how others felt?

11) What do you think you learned about airplanes and World War I after watching this movie?