**Text-dependent Questions for *A Rumor of War***

1. Why was the cheese such a special treat? Consider the climatic issues when responding to this question. (line 9)
2. What did Lt. Caputo mean when he wrote “I was confident that the marine would not have to worry about facing the choice.” (line 19-20)
3. Given the description of the conditions faced by the marines, why was the information given by Crowe to Lt. Caputo so interesting? (lines 50-65)
4. Why was Captain Neal becoming “intolerable”? (line 82) What did he want Lt. Caputo to do?
5. What was the new policy implemented by Captain Neal for the platoon? (line 95) How does the policy give the soldiers incentive to improve?
6. Why did Caputo want to “…[t]o sleep, to sleep, perchance not to dream…” (lines 116-17)
7. How does the story of McKenna and the old woman demonstrate how Vietnam War was affecting the soldiers? (line 148-162)
8. How does the description of rain play a role in the mental state of Caputo? (line 182)
9. Caputo emphasizes that he will “retaliate” against the Viet Cong. How will he “retaliate”? (line 203-210)
10. What was Caputo implying when he said he “…laughed frequently and made several bloodthirsty jokes that probably left them with the impression [he] wouldn’t mind if they summarily executed both Viet Cong…” (lines 229-230)
11. What was the initial reaction of Caputo when he heard the Vietnamese had been killed? (lines 258-260)
12. How did the mood change as they searched the bodies of the dead men? (lines 299-320)
13. What is the significance of Caputo telling his men “Okay, if anyone asks you about this, you just say both these guys walked into your ambush. That’s what you’ll say, and you stick to that, all of you. They walked into your ambush and you killed one and captured the other. Then the prisoner tried to es­cape, so you killed him, too. Got that? You don’t tell any­body that you snatched him out of the village.” (lines 324-328)
14. What was the platoon’s “awful mistake”? (lines 332-342)
15. Why did Caputo feel it was “absurd” he and Lance Corporal Crowe were charged with premeditated murder? (lines 359-362)
16. Why did the military have no writing in the report section for “Explanatory or Extenuating Circumstances”? (lines 373-393)
17. Why did Caputo’s defense attorney want “no drama” from him? (line 416)
18. What was Caputo implying when he said “…[s]omething evil had been in me that night…”? (lines 451-52)
19. Why did Caputo’s defense attorney tell him his statement about the conditions of Vietnam was irrelevant and a plea of temporary insanity would not work?(lines 475-515)
20. What did Caputo mean he claims his testimony was not perjury, “yet it wasn’t the truth?” (lines 540-556)
21. What was the “tragifarce” of the South Vietnamese insurrection? (lines 606-634)
22. How was Caputo’s trial completed? (lines 689-704)
23. What did Caputo mean when he claimed he“…did not join in the mockery…”? (line 709)
24. What was the only “victory” for Caputo in the Vietnam War? (lines 721-724)