

AWOL!

Zoom in

Part 1

1. Dean's journey.

- a. Dean comes from... Country: **USA** State: **North Carolina**
- b. Dean went to... Country: **Canada** City: **Toronto**
- c. Means of transportation: **Greyhound bus**
- d. Reason for travelling: Business. Tourism. **Other.**

2. True or false? Justify your answers.

- a. Dean was relaxed. True. **False.**
→ 2 adjectives: “**nerve**-wracking” + “**terrified**”
- b. What Dean did was perfectly legal. True. **False.**
→ “Somebody there is just going to **snatch you up** and say: ‘**Well you’re not supposed to be there**’”
- c. Dean was relieved. **True.** False.
→ “It felt like a huge **weight** had been **lifted** off my **back**.”
- d. Dean felt self-assured. **True.** False.
→ **Once I got here I knew that everything was going to be OK.**

3. Imagine Dean's motivations for leaving his country.

Part 2

4. Dean's story.

- a. Dean's motivation for leaving his country: he is a **war deserter**
- b. Say what you think “AWOL” means.
 Absent Without Official Leave. A Wolf On the Loose.
- c. His former job: **marine** d. His former workplace: **Iraq**
- e. Two adjectives to describe his experience: **devastating** + **shocking**

5. What was Dean's problem?

- Using a machine gun. Bearing the desert heat. Being wounded. **Meeting soldiers who had been wounded.** Being away from his family. Being homesick.

6. **Details.** Write down a few key words about what he witnessed.

<i>Physical state</i>	Psychological state
Hospitalised wounded soldiers Arms blown off Legs blown off Faces literally melted	People screaming because of their nightmares They just wanted nothing else in the world but to not be in that kind of pain.

7. What was Dean's feeling after he saw those soldiers? Why?

Feeling	Reason
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disappointed. → <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sad. →	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> He thought it would be different. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Those soldiers did not deserve that.

8. Describe Dean's apartment. What can you deduce about his living standards?

Part 3

9. The organization.

a. Name: **War Resisters groups**

b. They are affiliated with "**left**-leaning unions (*syndicats*)."

c. They "provide **sanctuary**, **legal** assistance, and **human** care."

d. How many American AWOLs are there in Canada? **Several hundred**

10. **The group leader's story.** Copy the following summary and correct it if you notice any mistakes. *He is also a deserter who arrived in Canada (27 → 37) years ago. He was stationed in (North → South) Carolina and left the place as soon as he (came back from Vietnam → was ordered to Vietnam).*

11. **Armchair thoughts.**

a. Tick 5 words you heard before "... I had to do that", and put them in the blanks.

ill-suited **well suited** **help** **similar** **undergoing** **adjust** adapt

→ He thinks he is **well suited** to **help** them because his life has been quite **similar** to what they are **undergoing** now as they have to **adjust** to a new society.

b. Get the rest of what he says. Fill in the blanks and tick the boxes.

"You know, **sadly**, they're a new **generation** of what my **generation** went **through**. And their country is putting them **through** the same type of ordeal (**painful experience** / business) as it put us **through**, and so I can **identify** very strongly with them."

Look back

12. Do you think this report is favourable to deserters or not? Explain your answer.