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Quote Analysis – independent interpretation

DIRECTIONS:

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First, spend 5 minutes exploring the chapter cover page and introduction. After 5 minutes, you will be asked to analyze the military chaplain's quote. Then, you will partner up with a classmate and share your interpretations. Lastly, partner groups will share their thoughts with the class.

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Read the featured quote again. And again, if necessary. Then, answer the questions below.

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Quote Analysis – ANSWER KEY

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To destroy, crush, overwhelm

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POSSIBLE ANSWER: Negative. The chaplain uses words like "defeated" and "annihilate" to describe how forces greater than what a soldier can withstand are preventing the soldier's bravery to show

- 3) How can a factory or laboratory defeat a soldier's heroism? What does the military chaplain mean by this? Explain using at least 2 sentences.

POSSIBLE ANSWER: The weapons produced in a factory or lab are so powerful that any human action alone is not enough to stop them. These weapons rely on more than the brute strength and savvy decision making of a soldier on the battlefield.

- 4) "World War I was the first modern war." Why would the military chaplain agree with this statement? Explain using at least 2 sentences.

POSSIBLE ANSWER: Modern wars used advanced weapons and chemicals created not by soldiers, but by factories and scientists. The outcome of modern wars relied not so much on the bravery of the soldiers, but on what side had superior technologies.