

The Five People You

Meet in Heaven

Questions (p.45 to 76)

Today is Eddie's Birthday (p.45)

1. On Eddie's 8th birthday, he goes to a funeral. Whose funeral was it?

The First Lesson (p.47)

2. Explain the following quotations (Who said it? In what context? Reflect on the quote.):
 - a. "...There are no random acts...we are all connected." (48)
 - b. "Fairness...does not govern life or death. If it did, no good person would ever die young." (48)
3. How does Eddie feel when he realizes that The Blue Man died because of him? How does The Blue Man reply about the good that came from his death? (p.49)
4. What does Eddie desperately want to know before he leaves The Blue Man? Why must he know the answer?

Today is Eddie's Birthday (p. 52)

5. How old was Eddie when he met Marguerite?
6. How does Eddie's mother resolve the tension and fighting between him and Joe?

The Second Person Eddie Meets in Heaven (p. 56)

7. Who is the second person Eddie meets in Heaven?
8. How does Eddie's father react to Eddie going to war?
9. What advice does Eddie get from Mickey before he heads off to war?
10. Eddie has learned many things being away at war. Enumerate them – point form.
11. The soldiers were prisoners. Explain their situation and name the soldiers.

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12. Explain how the soldiers got out of the coal mine.

13. What did the soldiers burn down?

Questions p.77-90

Today is Eddie's Birthday (p.77)

1. Why couldn't Joe go to war?

2. What shows that Eddie really loved Marguerite?

The Second Person Eddie Meets in Heaven (continued p.80)

3. How long had the soldiers been in the mine?

4. What did the nearby bombing indicate?

5. What does Eddie think he sees in or near the burning barn?

6. What was it that sickened Eddie quite suddenly? (83)

7. What happened to Eddie's leg?

8. How did the war change Eddie?

9. Who shot Eddie and why?

10. How did the Captain die?

11. What does the Captain explain about time?

12. What is Eddie's second lesson?

13. What has the Captain been waiting for?

14. Why did the Captain choose the battlefield as his Heaven?

15. When Eddie leaves the Captain, what does he want to know? Does he find out?

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Questions – p.99

1. How is Eddie's physical state?
2. Where does Eddie meet the third person?
3. Where does Eddie spend his 24th birthday? How can we tell that there is tension between Eddie and his father?
4. Explain what kind of father Eddie's dad was.
5. When was Eddie's father ever proud of him?
6. How do we know his father disapprove of Joe?
7. Why did Eddie's father really stop speaking to him? Explain what happened. (108-109)
8. His third person tells him he will have peace. When is that?
9. Who is his third person? Who is Emile and what did he build?
10. On Eddie's 33rd birthday, we learn that he experiences darkness. What does that mean?
11. On Eddie's 33rd birthday, what kind of call does he get? What can we assume has happened?
12. From what did Eddie's father die? Why did Eddie resent his father's death?
13. What is ironic about Eddie's death and his 37th birthday?
14. What was Eddie's third lesson? How did he finally get through it?
15. What role did Mickey have in Eddie's father's death? Explain what happened and what Ruby blames it on.

Questions p.145-172

Thursday, 11 A.M. (p.145)

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1. Describe Eddie's funeral.

The Fourth Person Eddie Meets in Heaven (p. 146)

2. The Fourth Person Eddie meets in Heaven.
 - a. What is Eddie's physical condition?
 - b. From one wedding to another, what did Eddie wear?
 - c. What are Eddie's opinions of weddings? Why?
 - d. Who is Eddie's fourth person?

Today is Eddie's Birthday (p.151)

3. Eddie's 38th Birthday.
 - a. What is Joe's occupation?
 - b. Joe makes how much more money than Eddie?
 - c. Where does Marguerite work?
 - d. Why don't Eddie and Marguerite have children?
 - e. What do you think Eddie wished for while blowing out his candles?

The Fourth Person Eddie Meets in Heaven (p.154)

4. How did Eddie feel and react when he met Marguerite in Heaven?
5. What kind of love did Eddie and Marguerite have? (156)

Today is Eddie's Birthday (p.160)

6. Explain what happens on Eddie's 39th birthday?
7. Explain Marguerite's accident.

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The Fourth Person...continued

8. What does the Ferris Wheel represent? (symbol)
9. Why does Eddie apologize to Marguerite? What does Marguerite learn about Eddie and the war?
10. Why was Eddie angry with Marguerite? How does that lead to the 4th lesson?

Friday 3:15 P.M. (p.176)

11. What is the outside perception of what Eddie left behind after his death?

The Fourth Lesson (p.172)

12. What lesson did Marguerite teach him?

Questions p.179 to End

The Fifth Person Eddie Meets in Heaven (p. 179) and The Last Lesson (p.185)

1. Who is Eddie's fifth person? What does she make him realize?
2. What can we conclude about his birthdays after Marguerite's death?
3. What is Eddie washing away?
4. What happened to the little girl at the pier the day Eddie died? Whose hands did he see/hold?
5. Where is Eddie's Heaven?
6. Who is Nicky?
7. Who is waiting in Heaven for Annie/Amy to explain that "...the world is full of stories, but the stories are all one."? (196)
8. Enumerate the themes of the story. Analyse 3.
9. Explain again, how this story is unconventional (the beginning, the perception of death and heaven)
10. Who did you think the last person would be? Explain.

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11. Are there any characters you had expected would be one of Eddie's Five People? Explain.