

Spanish Civil War Letters from American Volunteers
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Name: _____

For your first reading activity, each of you must read the first letter (on page 1 of your packet) and answer the questions below.

from CANUTE FRANKSON

1. Who is the writer of this letter? Describe him.
2. Why is it odd that he is in Spain fighting as an American?
3. Why is he, then, in Spain fighting as an American?
4. Tone is an author's attitude towards his/her subject. What is the author's tone in paragraph 3?
5. List examples of the literary techniques listed below that support your answer about tone above:
 - Diction:
 - Imagery:
 - Metaphor:
6. Summarize Mr. Frankson's ideas and attitudes in paragraph 4.
7. What about his ideas and attitudes in paragraph 4 seem surprising given the rest of his letter?

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For page 2 of this activity, you may choose any of the other letters found in your packet to comment upon. Some writers have more than one letter so you can choose one or give a combined response if you wish.

Letter(s): from _____

1. Based on the letter(s), describe the writer's personality as best you can. As you do this, tell how the letter gave you that impression of the writer.

2. List three details in your letter(s) that you found particularly interesting or insightful. Tell why you chose each example.

Detail 1:

What makes it interesting or insightful?

Detail 2:

What makes it interesting or insightful?

Detail 3:

What makes it interesting or insightful?

3. Write a one paragraph response letter back to the writer. (What would you say to that person?)