***Saving Private Ryan*-World War II**

**Pre-Movie Questions:**

1. **In what year did WWII begin?**
2. **In what year did the U.S. enter WWII? Why?**
3. **What was the date of D-Day?**
4. **Why was D-Day important?**

**Characters** - Give a brief description of each character and their role

Captain Miller:

Sergeant Horvath:

Private Reiben:

Private Jackson:

Private Caparzo:

T-4 Medic Wade:

Corporal Upham:

Private Ryan:

**Plot Summary:**

1. Describe the opening battle scene.

1. What were the soldiers thinking when they finally had a moment to reflect on the ordeal of storming the beach and completing their mission?
2. What leadership characteristics did you see in Captain Miller?
3. What do you think about the decision to send a company of men into hostile territory to save one man?

-What do you think about the rationale used by Captain Miller to help keep his troops focused on the mission?

1. What were your reactions to some of the religious connections made in the film? Examples: the American sniper who always prayed to God before he shot someone; the Jewish soldier who taunted the German POWs; or the quote, “If God be for us, who could be against us?”
2. How did you feel about Captain Miller’s decision to stop and storm the radar tower and bunker?

-Do you think he would have done something differently if he had known the outcome?

1. Why did Miller decide to let the German soldier go free?

-Was this a good decision?

1. What are your thoughts on the following quote from the movie? “Just know, every man I kill the further away from home I feel.”
2. Why were some of the soldiers resentful of Private Ryan?

-When the men finally found Private Ryan did their opinions change? Why?

1. Why is the movie titled *Saving Private Ryan*?

**Post Movie Writing Assignment**: Write a response to the following question: Was the mission to save Private Ryan justified? Be sure to provide a **CLAIM**, two pieces of **EVIDENCE** and **REASONING** and a **COUNTERARGUMENT with REBUTTAL**. Place your answer below.