***Flyboys: A True Story of Courage,* Chapter 15: *Kichiku***

Directions: You should be able to define the key vocabulary and answer the following questions after reading the material for Chapter 15.

Vocabulary needed for Chapter 15 (some may be in the glossary; others will have to be sought out):

*Kimo ga ookii* 80.107

1. What was the difference between a pilot and an enlisted man?
2. Please describe how Glenn’s fate differed from the other Americans on Chichi Jima.
3. How was the moment of calmness before death explained in the book?
4. Do you think that Bradley’s descriptions of the Flyboys’ deaths go too far? Is disrespectful or necessary to note the accuracy for whatever reason?
5. Where did the belief about self-strengthening your spirit by eating your enemy start with this group of Japanese officers?
6. Why do you think the Japanese officers were always drinking?
7. Does it seem that all of the Japanese on Chichi Jima were as bloodthirsty as the officers? Give examples to support your argument.
8. What surprises you most about the flyboys? The captors? The chapter as a whole?
9. Which American and which Japanese individual impacted you the most in Kichiku?

***Flyboys: A True Story of Courage* , Chapter 16: Fire War**

Directions: You should be able to define the key vocabulary and answer the following questions after reading the material for Chapter 16.

Identifications needed for Chapter 16 (Jot down some brief notes/descriptions of the following flyboys for easy reference as you continue to read.)

High altitude precision bombing B-29 Superfortress Paul Tibbets

Curtis Lemay M69

1. Why did Warren Earl Vaughn and Floyd Hall receive such different treatment from other

captive American pilots?

2. What distortion lie in the statement on page 258 that ‘British planes sought out strictly “ “military targets.”

3. Read the quote by Sir Arthur Harris on 259-260. Do you agree with his sentiments? Explain.

4. Why was Japan so much more susceptible to civilian casualties during bombing campaigns

than Germany?

5. Why were the B-29’s generally ineffective at high altitude precision bombing and how did Curtis Lemay attempt to correct these failings?

6. What justification does Curtis Lemay offer for the indiscriminate killing of Japanese civilians

during the fire raids of Tokyo? Do you accept this rationale?

7. Evaluate the preparedness of Tokyo for a large scale air-raid.