

Green Book. Submit your answers to the daily reading questions on a piece of paper or in Canvas.

Starship Troopers by Robert Heinlein Chapter 1 pages 1-21

Day 1

1. What does the narrator mean by “drop”? What does the narrator mean by “bought it” and “buy it”?
2. Why didn't Jenkins drop?
3. What is unique about chaplains & cooks in the Mobile Infantry?
4. What is the Rodger Young? Who's Lieutenant Rasczak?
5. The narrator is Johnnie. What is his condition before a drop?
6. What's so special about female pilots?
7. Describe the “natives” & tell the different names for them.
8. So far, what have you discovered about the capabilities of the suit-armor?
9. The mission went well, then there's trouble. Who's missing? With the retrieval beacon calling Johnnie back, what does he decide to do?
10. Describe the tense situation in which Ace & Johnnie found themselves. Who died?

Starship Troopers by Robert Heinlein Chapter 2 pages 22-42

Day 2

1. Chapter 2 is a flashback. Who is Carl?
2. Who's Mr. Dubois?
3. What does Johnnie's father think his son should do after high school?
4. Who's Carmencita Ibañez?
5. How are Carl & Johnnie received at the recruiting station? What advice does the doctor offer?
6. Johnnie has taken the oath & enrolled in the Federal Service of the Terran Federation. How long is the term of service? Quote the portion of the oath here:
7. Why is there a forty-eight hour leave immediately following the swearing-in?
8. Johnnie probably won't be a pilot. What does he list as his preferences?
9. Tell what you've learned about neodogs!
10. What do we know about Fleet Sergeant Ho?

Starship Troopers by Robert Heinlein Chapters 3 & 4 pages 43-61

Day 3

1. Tell a little about Johnnie's basic training from the beginning of Chapter 3.
2. Who's Sergeant Zim? Describe.
3. Breckinridge – Describe. Heinrich & Meyer – Describe. Shujumi – Describe.
4. What does “on the bounce” mean?
5. Sergeants and their mothers. What is this mess tent talk about? What's the core meaning?
6. Sleep, eat, exercise – describe a bit of the routine at Camp Arthur Currie.
7. What is there to do with free time?
8. Explain Johnnie's metaphor: boot camp was surgery.
9. What's Johnnie's final judgment of Camp Currie?
10. The training is pretty tough. Describe a few of Johnnie's experiences. Who died during training?

Starship Troopers by Robert Heinlein Chapter 5 pages 62-80

Day 4

1. What does Zim teach them in the combat training? List the various weapons used in the training.
2. What unique historical information does Johnnie learn about rifles?
3. Johnnie happened to be on light duty in the Captain's office to learn about Ted Hendrick. Tell the story briefly here (except the punishment).
4. What is Hendrick's punishment?
5. How did many of the men react to the flogging? Speculate. Why?

Starship Troopers by Robert Heinlein Chapter 6 pages 81-101

Day 5

1. There are several things bothering & worrying Johnnie. List a few.
2. What does Johnnie overhear? What does Johnnie seriously consider in this chapter? Explain.
3. Johnnie gets two letters in Chapter 6. Letter 1: Who is it from; what does it say?
4. Letter 2: Who is it from; what does it say?
5. Why is the phrase “over the hump” significant to Chapter 6?

Starship Troopers by Robert Heinlein Chapter 7 pages 102-112

Day 6

1. Describe the powered armor. The armored suits or powered suits are described throughout the novel, but in some detail in Chapters 1 and 7. How do the suits work; what can they do?
2. What is Johnnie's opinion of the armor?
3. Describe Major Malloy.
4. Describe Captain Frankel.
5. Why does Johnnie receive 5 lashes?

Starship Troopers Chapter 8 pages 113-126

Day 7

1. How does the Army handle deserters?
2. Briefly describe Dillinger. Briefly describe Barbara Anne Enthwaite.
3. How are people punished in this future world?
4. Johnnie thinks back to his high school History and Moral Philosophy class. What did Mr. Dubois teach his students about punishment?
5. What did Mr. Dubois have to say about juvenile crime?

Starship Troopers Chapter 9 pages 127-136

Day 8

1. The Third Regiment started with over \_\_\_\_\_ men.
2. At the beginning of chapter 9, that number is down to \_\_\_\_\_ men.
3. The men get "liberty" in Vancouver. Where do Johnnie, "Kitten" Smith and Pat Leivy go?
4. By the end there are \_\_\_\_\_ who graduate in Johnnie's regiment.
5. What do they practice at Camp Sergeant Spooky Smith?

Starship Troopers Chapter 10 pages 137-153

Day 9

1. "Willie's Wildcats" wear skull & bone earrings. Explain a bit.
2. While Johnnie's been in training, a war has begun. Tell what we know.
3. How did Operation Bughouse fare? Tell about it.
4. What is Klendathu?
5. Briefly describe Dutch Bramburger. Briefly describe General Diennes. Briefly describe "Red" Greene.
6. Comment on Heinlein's use of Thomas Jefferson at the beginning of Chapter 10. "The tree of Liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots." Do you agree?
7. "It was the happiest period of my life..." (p. 182) Describe this period.
8. What happened to make it the "worst time in all my life"?
9. What happened to Buenos Aires? Who did Johnnie lose in Buenos Aires?
10. How did Lieutenant Rasczak die? How did the Roughnecks handle his death?

Starship Troopers Chapter 11 pages 154-173

Day 10

1. Why do Ace & Johnnie fight in the washroom?
2. Why was the Terran Federation losing the war? What were they up against?
3. Cherenkov drive, generators are mentioned. What is this?
4. Sanctuary – what is it? Why does Johnnie like Espiritu Santo, Sanctuary so much?
5. What does Ace get Johnnie thinking about in Chapter 11? What does Johnnie suddenly decide to do?

Starship Troopers Chapter 12 (half) pages 174-196

Day 11

1. Johnnie runs into a very familiar corporal. Who is it? What's the news?
2. What do the following acronyms in the novel mean?  
M.I.                      O.C.S.
3. Tell a little about Johnnie's experience in O.C.S. Officer Candidate School.
4. Tell a little about his instructors and coaches.
5. Ensign Carmencita Ibañez. Describe. What happened to Johnnie's friend, Carl?
6. Best class – the only one worth mentioning, according to Johnnie: \_\_\_\_\_ Tell about it.
7. Major Reid is a tough, smart instructor. Describe.
8. What happened to San Francisco & the San Joaquin Valley?

9. Johnnie's class debates & discusses several topics. What do they say about suffrage, franchise, the vote? How do people in this society get suffrage? Who has the right to vote? (This was also in Ch. 11)
10. Reid argues for an all-volunteer force. Why?

Starship Troopers Chapter 12 (half) pages 196-212

Day 12

1. What do the officer candidates do for their semifinal exam?
2. The candidates are given temporary commissions of third lieutenant. According to Colonel Nielssen, why is the line of command so important? Summarize a bit of his speech here, and later, what advice does Colonel Nielssen give Hassan, Rico & Byrd as they prepare for their apprentice mission?
3. What information is unsettling to Rico?
4. What is required of all officers? The "unbreakable rule."
5. The "pips" are kind of a big deal. Tell about the Colonel issuing the pips to Hassan, Byrd & Rico. Describe Byrd a bit. What happened to "Birdie"?

Starship Troopers Chapter 13 (third) pages 213-233

Day 13

1. A little bit of competition exists between Navy & Army. Explain.
2. What is special about having women on Navy transports?
3. Describe Captain Blackstone a bit. "Blackie." Describe Captain Jorgenson a bit. "Skipper."
4. What is the root of the M.I. morale? How & Why does this work?
5. What percentage of M.I. are officers? What is the philosophy behind this?
6. Tell about Johnnie's experience with the Brumby situation.
7. With what academic subject does Johnnie still struggle?
8. Johnnie is very busy. Tell a bit about his experience.
9. Do you think Rico is shaping up to be a good officer? Explain.
10. What is the schedule Captain Blackstone lays out for Johnnie? Why?

Starship Troopers Chapter 13 (third) pages 233-254

Day 14

1. What's when Johnnie's transport makes rendezvous with Planet P? (C in C = Commander in Chief.) What is the C-in-C's plan for Planet P? What have they learned about the Bugs, the Skinnies, throughout the war so far?
2. How is Operation Royalty going so far? Describe Johnnie's experience on the surface.
3. A special unit is on the surface. Describe the "talent" or the "senser" and tell his purpose. The frying bacon noise... What is it?
4. What's the plan? What is Johnnie's job? What is the goal in this operation?
5. Sleep? In an armored suit? How does that work? Tell about it.

Starship Troopers Chapter 13 (third) pages 255-275

Day 15

1. "...everything happened at once." Describe the "everything" and the engagement with the enemy.
2. Where does Johnnie go? Why? Is he successful? What are the results?
3. How does Johnnie feel about Operation Royalty? What does he do after his recovery?
4. At the end of Chapter 13, we learn that Juan Rico is Filipino when he says, "Tagalog. My native language." The characters throughout the novel have very diverse names and backgrounds. What are we to assume has happened to Earth's country borders, language differences, government variations and racial inequalities in this future "Terran Federation" Heinlein has imagined? Describe, comment, analyze.
5. Where is Johnnie's home now?

Starship Troopers Chapter 14 pages 276-279

Day 16

1. Briefly summarize this short chapter.
2. What do you think will happen in Lieutenant Rico's future?
3. Speculate – what year do you think the story is set?
4. What does the Historical Note add to your understanding and reading of *Starship Troopers*?
5. Which Categories & Themes of Science Fiction fit *Starship Troopers* best?