

## Read-Write-Discuss

Read through the excerpt from the book and answer the questions provided. The chapters follow Zamperini's rescue by the Japanese after being at sea for 27 days.

Write a 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  page reaction paper in which you discuss the following questions: **What do you find most horrifying about Zamperini's captivity? Who is responsible for the treatment of Zamperini and other prisoners during the war? Should the guards be held responsible? What type of punishment should be given to them?**

- a. Papers must provide examples from the book to support your position. You should use at least two examples in the section on the lessons to be learned.
- b. Papers must include an introduction, 3 supporting paragraphs, and conclusion.

### Vocabulary:

Prattling: to talk in a silly or childish way

Chipper: cheerful

Challengingly: demanding effort

Sweltering: uncomfortably hot

Crimson: deep purplish red color

Torrential: flowing or falling fast and in great quantities

Ardently: passionate

Languished: to decline steadily becoming less strong or successful

Fury: violent anger

Wrathfully: great anger

Pretext: made-up excuse

Exasperated: to make somebody very angry or frustrated often by repeatedly doing something annoying

Self-preservation: need to survive danger

Pelted: throw things at somebody

Unceasing: never stopping

Degradation: great humiliation brought about by loss of status, reputation, or self-esteem

Resilient: able to recover quickly from setbacks

Debased: reduce something in value

Asphyxiation: to deprive of oxygen

Atoll: coral island surrounding lagoon

Divulge: reveal information

Hypodermic: involving area beneath the skin

Dengue: tropical fever

Febrile: relating to a fever

Haggard: tired-looking

unintelligibly: impossible to understand

haranguing: to criticize in forceful angry way

dregs: least valuable

virulently: very poisonous

caustic: intended to mock, offend

indoctrinated: cause to believe something

paradoxically: something absurd or contradictory

rancid: strong disagreeable smell

ubiquitous: existing everywhere