

From *For whom the bell tolls* by Ernest Hemingway

The young man, whose name was Robert Jordan, was extremely hungry and he was worried. He was often hungry but he was not usually worried because he did not give any importance to what happened to himself and he knew from experience how simple it was to move behind the enemy lines in all this country. It was as simple to move behind them as it was to cross through them, if you had a good guide. It was only giving importance to what happened to you if you were caught that made it difficult; that and deciding whom to trust. You had to trust the people you worked with completely or not at all, and you had to make decisions about the trusting. He was not worried about any of that. But there were other things.

This Anselmo had been a good guide and he could travel wonderfully in the mountains. Robert Jordan could walk well enough himself and he knew from following him since before daylight that the old man could walk him to death. Robert Jordan trusted the man, Anselmo, so far, in everything except judgment. He had not yet had an opportunity to test his judgment, and, anyway, the judgment was his own responsibility. No, he did not worry about Anselmo and the problem of the bridge was no more difficult than many other problems. He knew how to blow any sort of bridge that you could name and he had blown them of all sizes and constructions. There was enough explosive and all equipment in the two packs to blow this bridge properly even if it were twice as big as Anselmo reported it, as he remembered it when he had walked over it on his way to La Granja on a walking trip in 1933, and as Golz had read him the description of it night before last in that upstairs room in the house outside of the Escorial. (Hemingway, 1995, 8)

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1. What is Robert Jordan's main concern at the beginning of the passage?

- a) His hunger
- b) His worry about moving behind enemy lines
- c) His trust in his companions
- d) His ability to blow up the bridge

2. What makes it difficult to move behind enemy lines?

- a) Being caught
- b) Trusting the wrong people
- c) Deciding whom to trust
- d) All of the above

3. Whom does Robert Jordan trust, except for judgment?

- a) Anselmo
- b) Golz
- c) Himself
- d) The people he works with

4. What is Robert Jordan confident about?

- a) His ability to walk in the mountains
- b) Anselmo's judgment
- c) Blowing up bridges
- d) Trusting his companions

5. When did Robert Jordan first learn about the bridge he plans to blow up?

- a) During a walking trip in 1933
- b) The previous night in a house near the Escorial
- c) From Anselmo's report
- d) Golz mentioned it in passing

Answers:

- 1. His hunger
- 2. All of the above
- 3. Anselmo
- 4. Blowing up bridges
- 5. During a walking trip in 1933