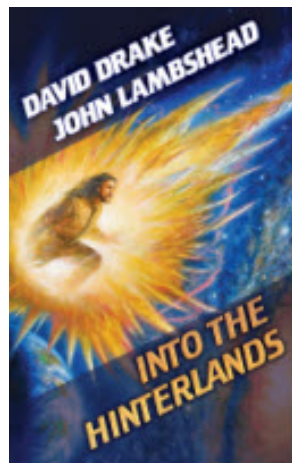




BAEN BOOKS TEACHER'S GUIDES
INTO THE HINTERLANDS BY DAVID DRAKE AND JOHN LAMBSHEAD



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Recommended reading levels:

Into the Hinterlands is appropriate for an older young adult or adult audience. Classroom use of the book is probably most appropriate for upper high school or college students.

Biographical information on David Drake and John Lamshead:

Prolific science fiction author David Drake was born September 24, 1945 in Dubuque, Iowa. He graduated in 1967 with a degree in history and Latin (with honors). He married his wife, Jo, and then entered Duke Law School. Shortly after he was drafted into the army and served from 1969-1971. During that time he primarily worked as an interrogator with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. After serving in the Vietnam War, he finished his law degree and worked as an attorney for eight years. Since 1981 he has been a full-time freelance writer, authoring or co-authoring over 60 books in addition to co-editing and writing plot outlines for many more. He has one son, born in 1973, named Jonathon.

- Biographical information taken from:
Drake, David. "About Me – David Drake." *Welcome – David Drake*. David Drake, 2011. Web. 31 December 2011. <<http://david-drake.com/2007/about-me/#more-1238>>.

Author Dr. John Lamshead is a retired senior research scientist in marine biodiversity at the National History Museum in London. He has written approximately 100 scientific papers and the fantasy novel *Lucy's Blade*. He lives in Kent with his wife and he has two daughters.

- Biographic information taken from:
"Profile of John Lamshead." *Writertopia*. Writertopia, 2009. Web. 31 December 2011. <<http://www.writertopia.com/profiles/JohnLamshead>>.

Suggested class activity: Have your students read the biographical information on Drake and Lamshead before they begin the book. Have them identify the biggest influences on the authors' lives which may have influenced their writing of a science fiction work paralleling a significant historical event.

For further information on David Drake and John Lamshead and their work:

- "Interviews – Baen Books." *Baen Books Science Fiction & Fantasy – Home Page*. Baen Publishing Enterprises, 2011. Web. 31 December 2011. <<http://baen.com/interview.asp>>.

Bibliographies:

- David Drake:
Drake, David. "Bibliography – David Drake." *Welcome – David Drake*. David Drake, 2011. Web. 31 December 2011. <<http://david-drake.com/tag/bibliography/>>.
- John Lamshead:

“John Lambshead – Summary Bibliography.” *Internet Speculative Fiction DataBase*. Al Von Ruff, 2011. Web. 31 December 2011. <<http://www.isfdb.org/cgi-bin/ea.cgi?40851>>.

Background:

Published by Baen Books with an initial publication in September 2011, this space opera is the first in The Citizen Series. Influenced by Baen founder Jim Baen’s love of George Washington, John Lambshead wrote the novel from an outline developed by David Drake. It is a combination of historical elements, specifically a young George Washington (Allenson in the novel) during the French and Indian War (the war between Terra and Brasilia in the novel), and hard core science fiction concepts including intergalactic travel and the evolution of alien life forms.

Plot Summary:

What begins with three surveyors scouting unclaimed space evolves into a race for colonization. Allen Allenson seeks to follow in his brother’s footsteps and become a leader in the Cutter Stream colony. Once he begins his bid for a political position in the Cutter Stream Council, he finds himself once again in the Hinterlands where he discovers Terran colonies on Brazilian territory. Quickly the situation escalates to a political stand-off in which the two Home Worlds are fighting an intergalactic battle for territory. Will Allenson be the leader his brother urged him to be? Can he outmaneuver not only the Terran fighting force, but also the politicians?

Major Characters:

- Allen Allenson: Cutter Stream gentleman, 22 years old, puts great stock in traditional societal roles and etiquette
- Jem Hawthorn: Cutter Stream gentleman, worldly, lady’s man
- Royman Destry: Cutter Stream aristocrat, academic
- Linsye Destry: Royman’s Sister, married to Todd Allenson
- Todd Allenson: Allen Allenson’s brother, married to Linsye Destry, dying in a Paragon clinic
- Riders: Humanoid, inhabit the Hinterlands, ride on crystal beasts
- Sarai Destry: Royman Destry’s wife, attracted to Allenson
- Bella Allenson: Allen Allenson’s stepmother, condescending towards Allenson
- Fontenoy: Vice-governor in Manzanita
- Trina Blaisdel: Lady in Mazanita City, straight-forward and savvy
- Clement Payne: an experienced guide for Allenson and Hawthorn to Nengue in the Hinterlands
- Viceroy: leader of rider clan council
- Captain Pietr Rutchett: Captain of Cutter Stream Militia

- Colonel Avery: Militia officer and advisor to Allenson
- Mansingh: Weapon specialist and manufacturer from the Old Colony Beelzebub
- Lieutenant Padgett: A lieutenant in the Cutter Stream militia, he is with Allenson when they attack the “embassy” Terran camp
- Captain Broch: An officer in the colony of Isfahan Militia, a regular in the Brazilian military
- Brigade Commander Chernokovsky: Sent in from the Brazilian regulars to lead two light battalions to aid the militia in the Hinterlands
- General Levit: Brazilian general in charge of a major expeditionary Force sent to remove the Terrans from the Hinterlands, decides to move the base from Mazanita to Perseverance

GUIDE TO chapters 1-7

Prepare to Read....

- **Familiarize yourself with the following vocabulary and terms:**
 - Turbulent (chapter 1)
 - Continuum (chapter 1)
 - Impervious (chapter 1)
 - Coracles (chapter 1)
 - Monochrome (chapter 1)
 - Capricious (chapter 1)
 - Dichotomy (chapter 1)
 - Surreptitiously (chapter 2)
 - Parsimony (chapter 2)
 - Concomitant (chapter 2)
 - Symbiotic (chapter 2)
 - Vitrified (chapter 3)
 - Profusion (chapter 3)
 - Phylogenies (chapter 3)
 - Meniscus (chapter 3)
 - Peristylum (chapter 3)
 - Monophyletic (chapter 4)
 - Rancor (chapter 4)
 - Filamentous (chapter 4)
 - Mercurial (chapter 4)
 - Raconteur (chapter 4)
 - Indentured (chapter 4)
 - Laconically (chapter 5)
 - Parapet (chapter 5)
 - Portico (chapter 5)
 - Remuneration (chapter 5)
 - Ubiquitous (chapter 5)
 - Disdain (chapter 6)
 - Recalcitrant (chapter 6)

- Gyration (chapter 6)
 - Endothermic (chapter 6)
 - Proprietor (chapter 6)
 - Acumen (chapter 6)
 - Unimpeachable (chapter 6)
 - Maudlin (chapter 6)
 - Dowager (chapter 7)
 - Lictors (chapter 7)
 - Surly (chapter 7)
 - Truculence (chapter 7)
 - Laundering (chapter 7)
 - Acquiescence (chapter 7)
 - Nonchalantly (chapter 7)
- **Focus question/initiating activity:** Have students discuss the cultural differences between colonists and Native Americans during the 16th-18th centuries. Students can also discuss the differences between the different groups of colonists and the social classes of the early Americas. Ask them to think about these different groups and the friction between them as they begin to read chapter 1.

Chapter Summaries:

- Chapter 1: Three surveyors, Allen Allenson, Jem Hawthorn, and Royman Destry, are traveling through the Continuum (which is composed of raw energy) in reality bubbles. They have the task of surveying the Hinterlands for the Harbinger Project. A gale in the Continuum causes the men to stop their journey and phase into the real world. They phase in on a small planet where a group of Riders is assembled. After eyeing each other suspiciously, one Rider approaches and makes a deal with Hawthorn to exchange the use of one of their women for a bottle of alcohol. The surveyors give the Rider the alcohol but refuse the use of the female Rider. Allenson notices two bloody hands hanging from the loin cloth of the Rider. Hawthorn inquires about the hands and learns the Rider cut them off of a Rider from a different clan who was a stranger to him. The Rider goes back to his group and the surveyors eat a meal of dehydrated rations.
- Chapter 2: The Riders, inebriated on the tonk, begin to have a party which culminates in an orgy. The surveyors watch the Riders and discuss their evolution and whether they are in fact descended from humans or not. One Rider becomes angry when he discovers the tonk is gone, but when he confronts Hawthorn for more, he is denied more. Hawthorn trains the focusing crystal of his laser rifle on the Rider when the Rider becomes angrier. The next morning the Riders are gone and Destry investigates their campsite. Destry becomes excited when he notes the rose quartz left behind. He concludes that the Riders and crystal beasts have a symbiotic relationship where the beasts direct the Riders to certain campsites so they can feed on the

minerals below the planets' surfaces while the Riders are allowed to use the beasts to ride through the Continuum.

- Chapter 3: The three surveyors make a stop on the planet Paragon where Allenson's brother, Todd, has been taken. Todd is being taken care of in the Destry Gallery of the Paragon hospital as he is married to Linsye Destry, Royman Destry's sister. When he arrives he is greeted by Linsye and then he goes into Todd's inner room. Todd is hooked up to several machines and is no longer mobile. The doctors are unsure what is ailing him and have guessed at several causes including coming in contact with an alien bioweapon. During Allenson's visit, Todd asks Allenson to become a leader in the Cutter Stream since he can no longer be one. Todd foresees it being the grounds of an intergalactic war between Home Worlds. After leaving Todd's room, Linsye walks with Allenson and divulges to Allenson that she married Todd not for love, but for his position as a leader in the Cutter Stream. She reiterates Todd's wishes, asking Allenson specifically to take over Todd's duties as Inspector of Military Forces for the Cutter Stream before anyone else becomes aware of Todd's health problems and takes over the position.
- Chapter 4: After leaving Paragon, the surveyors cross to the Hinterlands colony of Rafe, which is supposedly uninhabited. However, when Allenson sees a beacon on the planet, they decide to land. They come upon a colony called Lakeside which is being run by a man named Gupper. Gupper and his wife, Fara, invite the men to dinner. Gupper explains that his colony is gaining in numbers as they are growing a cash crop, but he keeps the identity of the crop secret from the surveyors. Allenson takes note of the gunja plants being grown around the colony as it is inedible and serves as a natural defense keeping the rooters away from their cash crop. The men are served tea in Gupper's house and Allenson, knowing tea is expensive to come by and a luxury, determines the cash crop they are growing must be tea. Before leaving the planet, Allenson tells Gupper a story of a man who was growing tea and, when discovered, had his land burned and his family sold off into indentured servitude.
- Chapter 5: The surveyors land on the Brazilian colony of Kalimantan. Kalimantan is prosperous and thriving as evidenced by the technology available on the colony. Fullbrite, the General Manager of one of the product supply buildings, KPS19, takes an audience with them. They quickly note that Fullbrite is eager for his return to Brasilia and is only biding his time in the colony. He gives them a guided tour and Allenson notes the wasteful nature of the colony. Instead of fixing machines, they simply order new ones. They do not produce any of their own food. The only purpose for the colony is to produce kali plants, which is a health fad in Brasilia. Destry notes the success of the colony while Allenson states that it is unsuccessful because as soon as health fads change, the colony will be abandoned since it is not self-sufficient.
- Chapter 6: The surveyors land on the planet of Laywant. Laywant is uncivilized, with workers who do not work and men who do not abide by usual standards of etiquette and societal norms. The men find the Cutter

Agent, Rimmer, who takes them to Taproots Tavern where they meet the proprietor, Taproot, and are treated to his private store of beer and sweetmeats. After both Taproot and Rimmer leave to attend to individual business matters, Destry and Hawthorn encourage Allenson to recite an acrostic he has been working on about a woman he danced with named Frances Alexander at the Smethwick ball.

- Chapter 7: The men awake the next morning and breakfast. Rimmer asks them to accompany Taproot's men and his watchmen on a hunt for Riders responsible for recent Rider raids on Laywant. They agree to go. They stop at a nearby farm where the family has been killed. They find a control module missing from a steam generator and determine Riders were not responsible as they would not have taken such an item. While Taproot's men and the watchmen continue on, Allenson and his crew instead begin a spiral search knowing who was responsible for taking the control module must be a local. They come upon a renegade camp, and after killing all but one, persuade him to tell who has hired them. They discover Taproot is behind the alleged Rider raids.

Quiz/Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. What is the Continuum? (chapter 1)
 - a. a wormhole
 - b. raw energy
 - c. a teleportation device
 - d. an asteroid field
2. What is the common language among all Rider clans? (chapter 1)
 - a. Klingon
 - b. Soft Foot
 - c. Brazilian
 - d. Kant
3. What are the three unique qualities of crystal beasts? (chapter 2)
4. How do the crystal beasts eat? (chapter 2)
 - a. They break down minerals with corrosive saliva and then absorb the ions they need.
 - b. They dig roots and tubers from the soil.
 - c. They do not eat.
 - d. They harvest energy while traveling through the Continuum.
5. When Allenson visits his brother Todd in Paragon, what promise does Todd have him make? (chapter 3)
6. What does Linsye ask of Allenson during the visit? (chapter 3)
7. Why did Allenson decide to land on Rafe? (chapter 4)
 - a. He knew someone there they could stay with.
 - b. They ran into bad weather.
 - c. He was intrigued by the fact that although Rafe was supposedly uninhabited there was a beacon indicator lit on Rafe.
 - d. Destry's frame broke and they were forced to stop.

8. Why is tea a luxury? (chapter 4)
 - a. It is illegal to import tea other than Brazilian tea and the import of tea is heavily taxed.
 - b. It is hard to grow tea leaves on any of the colonies due to the extreme weather.
 - c. Tea is mostly an old world item which has been subject to extensive cross-pollination, so real tea is hard to come by.
 - d. It is not a luxury item.
9. What was the purpose of Allenson's telling Gupper about his family's tenants that illegally grew tea? (chapter 4)
 - a. The story was meant to entertain him at dinner.
 - b. The story was meant as a warning to Gupper so he could find a different cash crop.
 - c. The story was actually about Allenson.
 - d. The story was Allenson's way of telling Gupper he had notified the authorities about his illegal cash crop.
10. What do the ankle bracelets for the people of KPS19 function as? (chapter 5)
 - a. a stylish accessory
 - b. an identification tag for indentured servants
 - c. a magnetically aligned object meant to balance the circulatory system of the wearer.
 - d. sawed off ankle-cuffs
11. What does Allenson foresee happening to Kalimantan in the future when the fashion changes on Brasilia? (chapter 5)
 - a. It will switch to a different cash crop.
 - b. The planet will be utilized as a military base.
 - c. The planet will be abandoned when the kali health fad subsides.
 - d. The indentured servants will be released to live in the wild.
12. Why was the shipping system on Laywant inefficient? (chapter 6)
 - a. corrupt officials
 - b. the rich take profits off the top
 - c. lack of technology
 - d. rotten goods
13. What is the name of the club on Laywant? (chapter 6)
 - a. Raptoots
 - b. Teaboots
 - c. Tarsoots
 - d. Taproots
14. What was the acrostic Allenson was writing about? (chapter 6)
15. What favor does Rimmer ask of the surveyors? (chapter 7)
 - a. to be gone as soon as possible as Hawthorn has been flirting with Fleur
 - b. to stay longer and watch over the town while he took a trip back to Brasilia
 - c. to help Taproot track down men who had stolen from the tavern
 - d. to go on a hunt for Riders with Taproot's men

16. Who was the conspirator responsible for the alleged Rider raids? (chapter 7)
- Taproot
 - Rimmer
 - Fleur
 - Hawthorn

Answers:

- B
- D
- They are a silicon-based species. They can traverse the Continuum. They domesticated human beings.
- A
- To be a leader in their Cutter Stream colony as it will be the grounds for an intergalactic war and will need safeguarding.
- That he take over Todd's position as Inspector of Military Forces for the Cutter Stream.
- C
- A
- B
- B
- C
- A
- D
- A woman who is friendly to all but gives no favors away (Frances Alexander).
- D
- A

Suggested Activity/Inquiry-Based Exploration:

1. As the survey team journeys, they discuss the genetics and evolution of both the Riders they encounter and the plants. In conjunction with their science class, have students research evolution and genetics. Science teachers can further enhance their learning by conducting a lab in which students dissect different plant or animal organisms and discuss the functionality of the different parts of the dissected organisms and whether the species has evolved to enhance their odds of survival. Some useful resources (including an article by the author John Lamshead) follow:

- Lamshead, John. "It's Lonely Out There – The Evolutionary Explanation For the Fermi Paradox by John Lamshead – Baen Books." *Baen Books Science Fiction & Fantasy – Home Page*. Baen Publishing Enterprises, 2011. Web. 21 January 2012. <<http://www.baen.com/lonelyoutthere.asp>>.
- "Evolutionary Genetics (Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy)." *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. Stanford University, 2005. Web. 21 December 2011. <<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/evolutionary-genetics/>>.
- De, Beer Gavin. *Charles Darwin: Evolution by Natural Selection*. Westport, CT: Greenwood, 1976. Print.

- Wade, Nicholas. “Natural Selection – Evolution – Genetics – NYTimes.com.” *The New York Times – Breaking News, World News & Multimedia*. The New York Times, 11 December 2007. Web. 21 December 2011. <<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/12/11/science/11gene.html>>.

2. In chapter 2, Destry and Hawthorn discuss the Riders. Hawthorn discusses how scholars are “very keen on the noble savage ideal” but that “the reality might be a bit too much” for them. Have your students explore the concept of the noble savage and whether, from the first seven chapters, they believe the Riders are noble savages or whether they are, like Hawthorn believes, just savages. Students can split into groups based on their beliefs and debate the two sides. Some useful resources follow:

- Cranston, Maurice. *The Noble Savage: Jean-Jacques Rousseau, 1754-1762*. Chicago: University of Chicago, 1991. Print.
- “Noble Savage (literary concept) – Britannica Online Encyclopedia.” *Encyclopedia – Britannica Online Encyclopedia*. Web. 21 December 2011. <<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/416988/noble-savage>>.
- Ellingson, Terry Jay. *The Myth of the Noble Savage*. Berkeley: University of California, 2001. Print.
- “Defining Savage.” *Discovering Lewis & Clark: Home*. The Lewis and Clark Fort Mandan Foundation, 2009. Web. 21 December 2011. <<http://lewis-clark.org/content/content-article.asp?ArticleID=335>>.

GUIDE TO chapters Interlude-14

Prepare to Read....

- **Familiarize yourself with the following vocabulary and terms:**
 - Panache (chapter 8)
 - Gaffe (chapter 8)
 - Noncommittally (chapter 8)
 - Cuckold (chapter 9)
 - Propriety (chapter 9)
 - Gadding (chapter 9)
 - Executor (chapter 9)
 - Wastrel (chapter 9)
 - Filial (chapter 9)
 - Unctuously (chapter 9)
 - Conciliatory (chapter 10)
 - Coalescing (chapter 10)
 - Interloper (chapter 10)
 - Impinge (chapter 10)
 - Sardonicly (chapter 10)
 - Anodyne (chapter 10)
 - Cronyism (chapter 10)
 - Nonplused (chapter 10)

- Sartorially (chapter 11)
 - Repartee (chapter 11)
 - Onerous (chapter 11)
 - Gimlet (chapter 11)
 - Desenescence (chapter 11)
 - Reprove (chapter 12)
 - Incarnate (chapter 12)
 - Elicited (chapter 12)
 - Restitution (chapter 12)
 - Recalcitrant (chapter 12)
 - Debase (chapter 13)
 - Loiter (chapter 13)
 - Tectonic (chapter 13)
 - Valor (chapter 13)
 - Introspection (chapter 13)
 - Assiduous (chapter 13)
 - Arbitrated (chapter 13)
 - Interminable (chapter 14)
 - Cajoled (chapter 14)
 - Reconnoiter (chapter 14)
 - Commandant (chapter 14)
 - Obdurate (chapter 14)
 - Uncouth (chapter 14)
 - Gimbals (chapter 14)
- **Focus question/initiating activity:** Have students define “aristocrat” and discuss the societal norms associated with such a position including social events they must attend, manners that must be heeded at all times, etc. Has the definition of “aristocrat” changed over the years? Discuss before beginning the interlude and chapters 8-14.

Chapter Summaries:

- Interlude: Taproot is upset, sitting in his office, thinking about whether Rimmer knows Taproot’s underhanded dealings. He debates killing Rimmer and making it appear as an accident. He sends for two of his enforcers to start his car. When they do not come back to escort him, he goes to the car without guard. He is ambushed from behind and stabbed in the kidney.
- Chapter 8: Destry and Allenson arrive at Destry’s home. They speak briefly with his wife, Sarai. Allenson has an obvious attraction to Destry’s wife, although he tries to retain his gentlemanly poise. After it is decided Allenson will stay the night, Destry shows Allenson his newest toy, an automaton that builds other automatons. They then go into the jaffa fruit fields only to find that the fruits are not being harvested efficiently as many fleeks, large birds used for harvesting the crops, are missing. Destry finds his servants eating fruit and the gangmaster drinking and having relations with another servant. He fires the gangmaster and then speaks with the fleekmaster and determines more servants will be needed to

- complete the harvest as the flecks have mostly died due to a disease. Allenson retires to the guest room to prepare for dinner while Destry remains to sort out the harvesting of the jaffa fruit. Sarai meets Allenson in the guest room and tries to seduce him.
- Chapter 9: Allenson returns home to find that much of his estate is falling apart under his stepmother's watch. After his stepmother berates him for not caring about her, he retires to the steward's cabin for the night. The next day Allenson goes to the Wayfarer Inn to think about two problems: one, what to do about his stepmother and the crumbling estate, and two, how to go about attaining Todd's position as Inspector General of Militia. He notices all of the ladies in the Inn and determines that the reason they look their best is simply to keep up appearances and to dress for the social position they hope to gain. Applying their lessons, he enlists Hawthorn to dress as his aide for his meeting with the Governor regarding Todd's position.
 - Chapter 10: After a rough trip in which Allenson becomes motion sick, the two gentlemen arrive in Manzanita City. They make their way to the vice-governor's office. After some persuasive tactics by Hawthorn, they are allowed an audience with the vice-governor, Fontenoy. Allenson asks to retain Todd's brother's rank, and Fontenoy indicates he will do so only if Allenson agrees to go on a diplomatic mission into the Hinterlands to investigate how far Terran penetration into the Hinterlands has occurred and whether the Rider Stone People Overclan is still in allegiance with Brasilia. Allenson agrees to the proposition.
 - Chapter 11: Allenson receives an invitation within an hour of checking into his hotel in Manzanita City to attend a garden party. He attends the supposed social gathering only to discover that it is actually a well-disguised business gathering where different businessmen assail him with their wares and give him their business cards. He eventually is engaged by Trina Blaisdel who has no business involvement.
 - Chapter 12: Allenson and Hawthorn conduct interviews for a Hinterlands guide to take them to Nengue, a Rider trading post. They decide on Clement Payne, although he is a drunk. Allenson arranges for Payne to get supplies on credit as well as food so he has no access to alcohol, thereby cleaning up before the journey. When Allenson discovers a supplier has overcharged his account in order to supply Payne with alcohol and thereby cheat Allenson out of money, he goes to the supplier's store and confronts him. Allenson and Hawthorn continue their preparations for the Hinterlands expedition by arranging to rent a high-capacity luggage frame and four employees after some negotiation.
 - Chapter 13: Allenson, Hawthorn, Payne, and their crew arrive on Nengue. They achieve an audience with the Viceroy where they exchange gifts. The next day they witness a series of trials presented before the Viceroy. Then they discuss with the Viceroy whether Terra has any permanent settlements on Nengue. Allenson realizes that the Riders do not understand that Terra and Brasilia are not governed by the same government. He indicates to the Viceroy that Terra is a less powerful civilization and the Viceroy agrees to keep Terran settlements from developing. Allenson soon realizes that the Riders do not have the same

understanding of the Brazilian treaty either and are not planning for Brazilians creating colonies in the Hinterlands.

- Chapter 14: Allenson asks for fifty riders to accompany them to Stikelstad where they think Terrans have set up a permanent residence, but only four volunteer. Allenson, Hawthorn, Payne, and the four riders stop on Larissa when they see a weak signal. They see evidence of a temporary camp of Terran soldiers and determine they came from Larissa. They arrive on Larissa to find a military outpost. They speak with the commandant in charge of the Terran forces. Allenson tells them they are encroaching on Brazilian territory. The commandant informs them they have spent much money and resources on the post and will not be leaving. The next day they are given a tour of the post. It is heavily fortified and they find evidence that the Terrans intend to build on Stikelstad next, which would give them control of all of the Hinterlands up to Nengue.

Quiz/Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. What planet is Taproot from? (Interlude)
 - a. Brasilia
 - b. Terra
 - c. Laywant
 - d. Rafe
2. What is Allenson's view of automatons? (chapter 8)
 - a. useful tools
 - b. overly complicated to use
 - c. time wasters
 - d. ingenious inventions
3. What is the primary crop of Wagener? (chapter 8)
 - a. jamba juice
 - b. juji fruits
 - c. jaffa fruits
 - d. fleeks
4. How does Allenson feel about his stepmother? (chapter 9)
 - a. He cares for her as a mother.
 - b. He has no feelings towards her as he has never met her.
 - c. She is his confidant.
 - d. He dislikes her but still gives her the respect her station deserves.
5. What does Allenson notice about the ladies in the Wayfarer Inn and how does this influence him? (chapter 10)
6. Why did Manzanita City become the largest city and administrative capital of the five Cutter Stream worlds? (chapter 10)
7. Foundworlds are _____? (chapter 10)
 - a. worlds found in the Cutter Stream
 - b. a cluster of small Terran colonies
 - c. alternate dimensions
 - d. a world within a world suggesting intelligent life at the microscopic level

8. What was the intent of Allenson's invitation to the garden party in Manzanita City? (chapter 11)
 - a. It was a social gathering.
 - b. It was an ambush.
 - c. It was a polite gesture from his cousin to welcome him into Manzanita society.
 - d. It was a well-disguised business gathering.
9. What is Nengue? (chapter 12)
 - a. Allenson's home
 - b. a rider civilization in the Hinterlands
 - c. a political party
 - d. a trading post in the Hinterlands
10. What was the percentage that Allenson indicated the supplier who had worked with Payne had cheated him by? (chapter 12)
 - a. 20%
 - b. 30%
 - c. 10%
 - d. 15%
11. Life on Nengue is experiencing mass extinction due to...? (chapter 13)
 - a. extreme volcanic activity
 - b. asteroid showers
 - c. dragons ate them
 - d. strategic bombardment
12. What is Todd Allenson's vision for Nengue? (chapter 13)
13. What world served as a waypoint for three different chasms in the continuum? (chapter 14)
 - a. Larissa
 - b. Malachor
 - c. Bight
 - d. Terra
14. What was the lead Terran officer's reaction to Allenson's request for the Terrans to leave Stikelstad? (chapter 14)
15. What do Allenson and Hawthorn determine as the Terran's next strategic course of action? (chapter 14)
 - a. to control the Bight by taking over Stiklestad and Larissa
 - b. to take over Nengue by using gatling gun carbines
 - c. to attack Brasilia
 - d. to retreat and give up the territory in the Hinterlands

Answers:

1. B
2. C
3. C
4. D

5. He notices they dress in order to garner attention and to attain the position they hope to get, and therefore he decides he must do the same for his meeting with the vice-governor about Todd's soon vacant position.
6. Fresh water was needed for cooling freighter ships.
7. B
8. D
9. D
10. A
11. A
12. To utilize its precious stones and metals as a way to make it an administrative and economic center in the Hinterlands.
13. A
14. He politely refused.
15. A

Suggested Activity/Inquiry-Based Exploration:

In chapter 10, Allenson learns of a treaty between the Riders and the Brazilian government allowing the Brazilians the opportunity to exploit the Hinterlands for the resources they possess. Upon speaking to the Rider Viceroy in chapter 13, Allenson discovers that the Riders do not have the same understanding of the treaty and in fact do not understand that Brasilia anticipates colonizing the Hinterlands. Have students discuss how this difference in the treaty's interpretation parallels the colonization of America by European superpowers and the misunderstandings between the Native Americans and Europeans. Some useful resources follow:

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GUIDE TO chapters 15-21

Prepare to Read....

- **Familiarize yourself with the following vocabulary and terms:**
 - Fop (chapter 15)
 - Imbided (chapter 15)
 - Unassailable (chapter 15)
 - Blatant (chapter 15)
 - Incursion (chapter 16)

- Pugnaciously (chapter 16)
 - Egalitarian (chapter 16)
 - Guilelessly (chapter 16)
 - Garrison (chapter 17)
 - Modicum (chapter 17)
 - Mulish (chapter 17)
 - Diffidently (chapter 17)
 - Gesticulating (chapter 17)
 - Arduous (chapter 18)
 - Supplication (chapter 18)
 - Latitude (chapter 18)
 - Cajoled (chapter 18)
 - Repatriated (chapter 18)
 - Punctilious (chapter 18)
 - Contingent (chapter 19)
 - Cliché (chapter 19)
 - Meander (chapter 19)
 - Extortions (chapter 19)
 - Insouciant (chapter 19)
 - Ignominious (chapter 20)
 - Phalanx (chapter 20)
 - Pique (chapter 20)
 - Moue (chapter 20)
 - Repudiated (chapter 21)
 - Stochastic (chapter 21)
- **Focus question/initiating activity:** Before beginning chapters 15-21, have students discuss what are the essential qualities in any leader. What makes someone a good leader versus a bad leader? Which types of leaders garner the most support? Why?

Chapter Summaries:

- Chapter 15: When Allenson and Hawthorn return from their tour of the fort, Payne informs them that Lars Costeen is on the base, a Terran man who was raised by Riders. Lars Costeen went to Larissa and returned with the Riders. The Riders were then provided with tonk and women by the Terrans. The next day, Allenson and Hawthorn resign to the fact that they will have to leave their Rider escorts behind as they are still preoccupied with the alcohol the Terrans provided them. They discuss how this might have been the Terran strategy. Payne has had a slip up in the meantime and partaken of alcohol due to his guilt over leaving the Rider escorts unattended. It is decided that Hawthorn will return to Nengue to pick up the four porters before returning to Manzanita. Allenson and Payne will go directly back to Manzanita to warn the government of the Terran's plan to build on Larissa next, thus securing all of the Hinerlands up to Nengue for Terra. Payne's health is fragile after the relapse, and the trip back is slow. A Rider named Gammy Leg catches up with them and offers to escort them. When

- Allenson realizes they are going in a circle, Gammy Leg tries to shoot him. Gammy Leg is captured by Allenson and interrogated. He provides no information. Instead of killing him, Allenson sends him back to Nengue with the message that they do not need an escort and that they will be returning to the Terran fort on Stikelstad. Allenson and Payne return to Wagener instead where Destry has medical facilities to treat an ever-weakening Payne. Upon his return to Destry's home, Destry's wife appears in Allenson's room where he is taking a short rest before moving on to Manzanita. They engage in sexual relations.
- Chapter 16: Allenson is approved by the upper house of the Council as Inspector General of the Militia, but there are dissidents in the lower house. He attends a hearing with Fontenoy in the lower house to prove his capabilities. Many members are won over by his honesty and experience in the Hinterlands, but a few led by Rubicon feel Allenson will give the Destrys too much power and will use taxpayer dollars in order to help the Destrys buy lands in the Hinterlands. Allenson is offended by their accusations and throws Rubicon out of a third story window. Allenson then visits the militia and sees it is made up of the dregs of society. He speaks to Colonel Avery who has ideas regarding recruiting better soldiers. He then goes with Trina to her friend Master Mansingh's home. Mansingh is a weapons specialist who helps them decide on appropriate weapons to use in the Hinterlands. Mansingh also requests that he be able to join the militia. Despite Masningh's disability (he is missing legs below his knees), Allenson agrees to take him on as a weapons specialist.
 - Chapter 17: The newly formed militia sets out for Nengue. Allenson has made many changes: their pay, bringing along a medic; providing food, clothing, and medical supplies; and treating the men with respect. Once on Nengue, Allenson goes on a scouting mission to Larissa with the Riders. They find Larissa already heavily fortified. They set off to a nearby uninhabited world to set up their own fortifications in anticipation of a battle. While the men begin making the fort, Hawthorn goes on a scouting mission to ensure no Terrans are already set to attack while Allenson goes on a hunting trip with Payne and two other soldiers. Allenson's group is surprised by the native animals and find themselves in a precarious situation where one of the men is being attacked by two weasel-type animals. After making it back to the frame to leave the hunting site, they receive word on the radio that the Terrans are already attacking.
 - Chapter 18: Allenson takes a small force to the camp the Terrans made on the uninhabitable world. They set off alarms when they approach it and open fire. They win the small skirmish as the Terrans surrender. The Terrans in the camp were disguised as an embassy therefore starting political rumors that the militia killed a Terran ambassador. Allenson sends the prisoners of war with Padget to Manzanita in order to spread the news of the victory and garner more support. Padget comes back with about two hundred men, but not Colonel Avery, who has decided to leave his position. Padget informs Allenson he has been promoted to Avery's position and is now in charge of the men. A Captain Broch has arrived with him, a colonel in the colonial militia of Isfahan. All Isfahan militia are also regulars in the Brazilian army, so Broch actually outranks Allenson, which causes some tension. Allenson goes to Nengue to see the Viceroy who is upset that

- Allenson even temporarily built a camp on Nengue before moving to the uninhabited world. Allenson discusses how the Riders are neutral in the battle. Allenson and his officers meet to discuss their next tactical move. Hawthorn informs Allenson that Terrans are on their way with Rider escorts. The officers decide to remain and prepare for attack even though they are grossly outnumbered. As they come to this decision, alarms sound that they are under attack.
- Chapter 19: Allenson is trying to discover what made the alarm sound in chapter 18 as no attack ensued. It is discovered that there have been deserters, so Allenson issues a statement saying that anyone that chooses to desert had better not show back up in Manzanita, if they even make it that far before Riders catch them. Hawthorn suggests taking a platoon off base to harass Terran supply lines and Allenson agrees. As Allenson is checking on his weapons specialist, Mansingh, the Terran attack comes. First is an air assault which Mansingh repels by use of a cannon which Allenson did not know was on base. The next wave of Terrans attack the perimeter. Allenson's troops prevail only after Allenson jumps into view of the Terran troops and begins shooting in an effort to encourage his men to return fire instead of being frozen in fear. Hawthorn is able to take out the Terran captain as well. He chooses not to slit the throats of the victims but rather to give them large doses of sedatives to ease their transition into death as slitting their throats would be a war crime. The next day the Terrans begin a steady shooting on the camp from the nearby woods, thus forcing the Streamers to remain in trenches. The river is slowly rising and bringing human waste with it, the men are starving in the trenches, and disease is rampant throughout the base. The Streamers are dying due to the ill conditions and consistent firing from the Terrans. They will soon be so outnumbered as to not be able to defend the base. The only bright spot is that Mansingh and Hawthorn design a way to rig the cannon so that it can take out the Terrans' sharp shooter.
 - Interlude: Marshal Ovaki and General Brinen in Brasilia discuss the skirmish in the Hinterlands. The general is unsure why the marshal wants to send in Brazilian troops since the colonies in the Hinterlands are uneconomical. The marshal informs him that although they are not worth saving economically, it has now become a matter of saving face and they need to show the defense spending review committee that funding the military is still important. The general agrees the Terrans need to be reminded of their place. They decided to send in two light battalions led by one Brigade Commander Chernokovsky.
 - Chapter 20: Allenson has arrived back on Manzanita after surrendering to the Terran forces. Fontenoy is upset at Allenson as the surrender he signed indicated that the colonial militia had shot an ambassador on unclaimed territory. Allenson resigns his post. He is met by a mob outside who carries him around as a hero. He then goes to see Lady Blaisdel and discovers he can retain his position as the Lower House will not approve the resignation due to his hero status and other political reasons. Upon returning to his hotel he finds Sarai who is waiting for him and seduces him. He begins working with the Brazilian regulars as a liaison between colonial suppliers and the Brazilian army who need goods before moving on Larissa. He soon is caught in the middle of suppliers providing subpar goods for high prices. Lady Blaisdel effectively demonstrates how to handle the

suppliers and asks to be his aide, which he accepts, thus improving his standing with Brigadier Chernokovsky who was thinking him incompetent.

- Chapter 21: The Brazilian army begins its march to Larissa, laying a trackway to make traveling easier. Unfortunately, laying the trackway is a slow process and thus it takes them twice the time to reach Nengue as it took Allenson and the colonial militia in the previous expedition. Allenson is unnerved by a lack of attacks on the way and a lack of Rider sightings. When they arrive at Nengue, the trading camp has been destroyed and the Viceroy killed. He suggests to Chernokovsky that he go ahead with the engineering crew to lay more track so as to speed up the process. Chernokovsky agrees but says more men will accompany them in case of attack and that he himself will be going. The men are attacked by riders shortly after leaving and suffer major casualties as the riders employ guerilla warfare and the Brazilian army stays in rank on the track. The colonial militia is all that saves them from being completely wiped out, and a dying Chernokovsky tells Allenson this when they retreat to a nearby habitable planet. He asks Allenson to get his men home.

Quiz/Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. When at the compound, what causes Payne to relapse with alcohol? (chapter 15)
2. What was the reason Allenson wanted to split up? (chapter 15)
 - a. to confuse the Terrans
 - b. to expedite the trip back to Nengue
 - c. to hasten his return to Manzanita
 - d. to have an affair with Destry's wife
3. How does Allenson win over the Lower House Council to appoint him Inspector General? (chapter 16)
 - a. serves them tea on Trina's estate
 - b. supports Fontenoy for president
 - c. throws Rubicon out a window
 - d. wears a uniform that is too small for his stomach
4. What was the position that Allenson granted to Mansingh upon his request to join the Cutter Stream Militia? (chapter 16)
 - a. Private First Class
 - b. Colonel Avery
 - c. Paratrooper
 - d. Weapons Officer
5. How have the officers come to regard their men under Allenson's watch? (chapter 17)
 - a. as equals
 - b. as inferior
 - c. as lazy
 - d. as valuable assets
6. Why does Allenson choose not to build a fortification on Nengue but on a nearby uninhabited world instead? (chapter 17)

7. What was the Terran force disguised as when Allenson and a few men went to investigate the camp they built on the unidentified world near Nengue? (chapter 18)
 - a. an embassy
 - b. a fully fortified base
 - c. a trading post
 - d. a rider camp
8. Why does Captain Broch refuse to have his men help build the fortification on the unidentified world near Nengue when he arrives with Padget and thirty of his men? (chapter 18)
 - a. They need to rest.
 - b. The fortifications are already built.
 - c. They are ranked as regulars in the Brazilian army and therefore not required to do menial labor.
 - d. They do not refuse to help build the fortifications and start right away.
9. What was the reason for administering overdoses of pain killer to the Terran wounded? (chapter 19)
 - a. Cutting their throats is a war crime.
 - b. It is a humane act for the wounded that will not survive.
 - c. Allenson ordered it.
 - d. All of the above
10. What do the authors mean to “destroy in detail”? (chapter 19)
 - a. To eliminate every incriminating detail in written form.
 - b. A smaller force destroys a larger one piecemeal.
 - c. A military term used to describe a larger force extinguishing a smaller force.
 - d. It is not defined.
11. Why do Marshal Ovaki and General Brine decide to send in two battalions to support the militia in the Hinterlands? (Interlude)
 - a. In order to save militia lives.
 - b. To put an end to the skirmish quickly.
 - c. The Brazilian government is requesting it.
 - d. They feel it is a good political move in order to show Brazilian superiority and to justify defense spending.
12. Why does Allenson resign? (chapter 20)
 - a. He does not like risking his life.
 - b. Fontenoy was upset at him for surrendering.
 - c. Hawthorne made him do it.
 - d. He had other political ambitions.
13. What was the title Allenson received in the regular army? (chapter 20)
 - a. Colonial Liaison
 - b. Unpaid Civilian Consultant
 - c. Lt. Colonel
 - d. None of the above
14. How does Lady Blaisdel become involved in military affairs? (chapter 20)
 - a. She helps Allenson sort out a supplier problem and asks to be his aide.

- b. She uses her political clout to obtain an officer's rank.
 - c. She becomes a member of the Lower House.
 - d. She signs up for the Brazilian army.
15. Why did the light battalions take so long getting to Nengue? (chapter 21)
- a. The officers were not carrying enough luggage.
 - b. They had slow transports.
 - c. The beacons did not work.
 - d. They had to backtrack to Manzanita.
16. Why did Allenson want to take an advance force to Larissa? (chapter 21)
- a. He wanted to get away from the Brigadier.
 - b. He wanted to drink tea.
 - c. He thought speed was essential.
 - d. Riders attacked in the continuum.

Answers:

1. He felt guilty for having suggested leaving their rider escort unattended only to have the Terrans occupy them with women and booze so Allenson, Hawthorne, and Payne could not make it back to the Cutter Stream.
2. C
3. C
4. D
5. D
6. He feared the riders would think they were building in order to overtake Nengue instead of to set up an attack against the Terrans who had fortified Larissa.
7. A
8. C
9. A
10. B
11. D
12. B
13. A
14. A
15. B
16. C

Suggested Activity/Inquiry-Based Exploration:

Have your students compare and contrast Allenson with General Washington. Consider how Allenson treats his troops and the attention he gives to their food, clothing, and health as described in chapter 17. Also consider his gentlemanly behavior as it has been exhibited throughout the novel, his quick rise in rank in the militia, and how quickly he gains his soldiers' respect. Some useful resources (including an article by author John Lamshead) follow:

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GUIDE TO chapters 22-Epilogue

Prepare to Read....

- **Familiarize yourself with the following vocabulary and terms:**
 - Paucity (chapter 22)
 - Vanguard (chapter 22)
 - Putrid (chapter 22)
 - Effrontery (chapter 22)
 - Defenestrated (chapter 22)
 - Impugn (chapter 22)
 - Poltroon (chapter 22)
 - Egregiously (chapter 23)
 - Prescient (chapter 23)
 - Sinecure (chapter 23)
 - Didactically (chapter 23)
 - Cavalier (chapter 24)
 - Sufferance (chapter 24)
 - Galling (chapter 24)
 - Parochial (chapter 24)
 - Vagaries (chapter 24)
 - Fracas (chapter 24)
 - Cynical (chapter 25)
 - Inert (chapter 26)
 - Tractable (chapter 26)
 - Conflated (chapter 26)

- Echeloned (chapter 26)
 - Attrition (chapter 27)
 - Concertina (chapter 27)
 - Viscous (chapter 27)
 - Illusory (chapter 27)
 - Deign (chapter 27)
- **Focus question/initiating activity:** Before beginning chapter 22, discuss the politics of war with your students. Is war always based on political reasons? Do politicians consider the soldiers' lives involved? How much of war is based on societal influence? Do civilians influence the course of war?

Chapter Summaries:

- Chapter 22: Allenson takes control of the soldiers after some squabbling between Chernokovsky's aides about who is in charge when the ranking officer, Lieutenant Stretter of the 51st Light Brigade, appears and puts himself under Allenson's command. Allenson orders that he wishes to move out in three hours time, to leave all the dead included Chernokovsky in a burial pit, and to leave all unnecessary materials behind. Allenson's order scandalize the other gentlemen except Stretter, who acquiesces to Allenson's wishes and has the troops ready to go in just two hours. The 12th Light Brigade refuses to go with Allenson as their officers are hunting in Rider territory. Allenson informs them their officers are as good as dead and he and the rest of the troops will be leaving. They choose to stay behind. Allenson leads the 51st Light Brigade and his militia through the Continuum, off of the track, so they can disappear and not be set upon by Riders or Terrans. He gets them to Laywant where he stops to rest. Sarai visits him and sees to it that he gets a hot meal and bath. He continues on to Manzanita where he is greeted with a hero's welcome in the Lower House but a warning from Fontenoy that the more he is praised now, the further he will fall from grace as politicians are fickle and Brazilian government is sure to blame him for the loss of so many of their army regulars. Allenson replies that he would not have changed anything as his goal was to get the men in his command home safely. He has a meeting with Hawthorne, Mansingh, and Rutchett to delegate responsibilities and reorganize the military so they will be in the best position to help the Brazilians in the inevitable war. Sarai visits him once more to ask him why he has been ignoring her and treating her coldly. He is unable to explain to her satisfaction that he is invested in his position as a military officer. She sees this as only nominal and that he should have aides doing the real work.
- Chapter 23: Fontenoy and Allenson have a discussion behind closed doors about the state of affairs. Allenson insists he will need money to re-equip the militia and indicates his plan for the militia to head off Rider raids in an effort to further train them. He says recruits will come as refugees start pouring into Manzanita from Hinterland colonies being attacked by the Riders. Fontenoy does not believe the Council will provide the funds. Allenson tells him to put it before them, but after it is shot down and the tide continues to go against the Brazilians in the war to bring it back up and they will pass it the second time it is presented. Allenson

states that when it is passed both Allenson and Fontenoy's political status will increase as they will be seen as prescient. Allenson visits Lady Blasidel at an infirmary camp where refugees have begun to pour in. She insists they need more money for medical camps and indicates she will make sure the Councillors are aware of this need. In the meantime, Allenson has appointed Destry as his intelligence officer. Lady Blasidel indicates he should have Destry find where the Riders are and raid them since they have been unlucky actually catching the Riders in their raids against the colonies despite the militia's efforts. Destry is able to tell him where the Rider camps might be, as they have to operate from a centralized location, although transient beings. Allenson and Hawthorn take a team of militiamen to attack. They find the Rider camp on the third try and a massacre ensues in the militia's favor. An influx of more Riders appears at the end of the chapter.

- Chapter 24: Despite the new influx of Riders, the militiamen are able to send the beasts and Riders scattering across the Hinterlands, thus experiencing their first victory. They return to the base as heroes. Allenson writes two reports, one highlighting the victory to send on to Fontenoy and one with the details of the shortcomings of the battle for him to analyze. Fontenoy beeps him to let him know that the Brasilians are sending a major expeditionary force to force back the Terrans. After Allenson goes over the report with his officers, they decide, based on Destry's suggestion, to begin working in groups of twelve as the riders do in order to have optimal team building. They noted during the skirmish that they did not work together and were often getting in each other's way. When General Levit arrives, Allenson learns that she is moving the base from Manzanita to Perseverance, thus the Stream will not reap the benefits it would have from the war with a track being laid as Chernokovsky had begun; nevertheless, he is forced to acquiesce to Levit's orders. Allenson and Hawthorn use the travel time to Perseverance as a chance to further train the militia in moving stealthily through the Continuum and other war tactics. After arriving at Perseverance, Allenson gives the militia a one night leave, and they end up in a fight with the Brazilian regulars. In response, Allenson puts them under more intense training. They are told they will ship out in three days. As the regular Brazilian army builds a track to Larissa, Allenson's men act as watch in small bands so they will not meet the same end as Chernokovsky's doomed expedition. At a stop on the planet, Wobble, Allenson and Levit meet and Levit shows him a map of the entirety of Brasilia, Terra, and the Hinterlands. She points out the Terran supply line and a Terran relief force moving towards Larissa.
- Chapter 25: Allenson and Levit discuss the Terran relief force. Levit advises they should turn back as the Terrans will win a battle with the relief forces in place, and if Brasilia lose another battle it will bring a political fallout. Allenson urges they should not make irreversible decisions without more information. Allenson sets off with a militia squadron to do reconnaissance and discovers the slow moving Terran relief force moving through some larger chasms which they control for their supply line. Upon returning to Levit, Levit again advises they retreat, but Allenson insists she allow the militia to attack the Terran relief force, much like the Riders did to Chernokovsky's expedition and Levit agrees.

Mansingh meanwhile has been working with an engineer to rig up the single-seater frames with weapons mounted to them so the entire frame becomes a weapon, thus giving them a greater advantage against the larger Terran vehicles. Allenson rallies the militia and has a short meeting with the company commanders and Destry to discuss the short, constant attacks he plans on the Terran convoy.

- Chapter 26: The militia lands on an uninhabited world near the Terran convoy that Hawthorn found called Slimeball. They begin attacks on the Terran relief force in waves. The first attack is extremely effective as the Terrans are caught off guard. During the third attack, Hawthorn has the men use Molotov cocktails which further surprise the Terrans. The Terran convoy grounds after the third attack. When the militia begins attacking again, the Terrans are better prepared and the militia experiences more losses. Allenson meets with the command officers and Destry and Destry tells him the militia is losing the battle.
- Chapter 27: Destry explains that they are going to lose the battle because the militia has not actually stopped any of the armored Terran vehicles, thus the two sides are simply killing each other off soldier for soldier. Due to the fact that the militia has fewer numbers, they will run out of men before the Terran force. He suggests they take out the vehicles themselves by attacking them head-on and killing the pilots. During the first attack, the militia loses 18% of those that engage because of the dangerousness and open nature of the head-on attack. The Terran officers begin to advance on Slimeball to stop the attacks; therefore, the militia takes a new tactic. They move to a nearby world, soon named Fort Crag. Hawthorn presents a new plan in which, instead of remaining at a standstill, the militia should bluff their numbers and send their whole force to attack a civilian target, the assault force supply depot. When the militia returns to Fort Crag, they are met with a heroes welcome, as the Brazilian regulars were able to advance on Fort Revenge and win the battle due to the Terran relief troops never arriving at the base.
- Epilogue: After the victory parade on Manzanita, Fontenoy asks Allenson about his future plans. He indicates he will be retiring from soldiering and devoting himself to family business. He immediately seeks out Lady Blaisdel and informs her he will be sending a representative to meet her representative to draw up a marriage contract. She agrees. Sarai is upset by the news, Linsye approves, and Allenson sees figures of dying soldiers in the night sky.

Quiz/Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. What Continuum vision does Allenson see as he is retreating with the colonial militia and the Brazilian army soldiers that would follow him? (chapter 22)
 - a. Sarai seducing him
 - b. Hawthorn angry at him
 - c. Todd, Linsye, and his stepmother disappointed in him
 - d. a hero's welcome on Manzanita
2. What was the story behind the quote by Cicero "The young man should be praised, honored, and immortalized" Fontenoy recited to Allenson after the Lower House meeting? (chapter 22)

3. How many military units are necessary at any one time in a working army according to Allenson? (chapter 23)
 - a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 3
 - d. 4
4. Who is the intelligence officer? (chapter 23)
 - a. Allenson
 - b. Hawthorn
 - c. Lady Blaisdel
 - d. Destry
5. Allenson writes two reports after the skirmish at the rider home base. Which one mattered to him and why? (chapter 24)
6. Why does Allenson wish to leave the main base on Manzanita instead of moving it to Perseverance as General Levit has decided? (chapter 24)
 - a. He knows the Cutter Stream will no longer reap the same benefits after the war if the track is moved and they are no longer along a permanent route through the Hinterlands.
 - b. He does not want to waste time building another track when they should be fighting.
 - c. He knows Lady Blaisdel will not continue to help him if they move bases.
 - d. He feels a loyalty to the Manzanita Councilors.
7. What reaction does Levit have when she discovers the Terran relief forces? (chapter 25)
 - a. She asks Allenson to do reconnaissance.
 - b. She states that the army should retreat.
 - c. She proposes they engage the forces immediately in combat.
 - d. She is surprised to discover the force and sends the findings back to Brasilia in order to receive their own relief forces.
8. What is Allenson's plan to break down the Terran relief forces? (chapter 25)
 - a. He plans to raid them much as the riders did on his previous expedition.
 - b. He plans to conduct a head on battle in the chasm through which the Terran forces are traveling.
 - c. He signs a surrender.
 - d. He agrees with Levit that they should retreat.
9. Who was named base commander on Slimeball? (chapter 26)
 - a. Padget
 - b. Rubicon
 - c. Hawthorn
 - d. Destry
10. What kind of warfare did the militia have to utilize? (chapter 26)
 - a. modern
 - b. Terran strategies
 - c. ancient
 - d. federation
11. Why does Hawthorn think Allenson is having nightmares? (chapter 26)

- a. Allenson has a conscience.
 - b. Allenson has no courage.
 - c. Allenson feels guilty.
 - d. Allenson is stupid.
12. Why does Destry say they are losing the battle? (chapter 27)
- a. The militia has been unable to kill any Terran troops.
 - b. The Terrans have taken Slimeball.
 - c. The Terran relief force has arrived at Fort Revenge.
 - d. The Terran vehicles have not been immobilized.
13. How does Hawthorn propose winning the battle once the Terrans and Brasilians are in a stand-off? (chapter 27)
- a. by attacking the Terrans on Slimeball
 - b. by hitting the assault force's supply depot
 - c. by pretending to surrender and then wage an assault
 - d. by moving on Fort Revenge
14. What does Allenson plan to do after returning from the victory against the Terrans? (Epilogue)

Answers:

- 1. C
- 2. Fontenoy is telling Allenson that the more he is praised now, the further he will fall from grace later due to the fickleness of politicians.
- 3. C
- 4. D
- 5. The one detailing what went wrong during the skirmish so that he could fix the failings for the next battle.
- 6. A
- 7. B
- 8. A
- 9. D
- 10. C
- 11. A
- 12. D
- 13. B
- 14. To retire from soldiering and marry Lady Blaisdel.

Suggested Activity/Inquiry-Based Exploration:

Into the Hinterlands is as much a historical fiction novel as it is a science fiction novel. It closely parallels the French and Indian War and Allenson's life parallels the young George Washington. Have students research the similarities between the war and the characters in the novel and the actual French and Indian War and parties involved. As an extension, students can create a timeline of the novel versus the actual history. Students can also create maps of the intergalactic war and map out the battles as described in the novel. They can compare this to a map of the battles during the French and Indian War. In history class they can also discuss the politics of the French and Indian War and what led the two sides into the war. Some useful resources follow:

- “How Newspapers Covered the French and Indian War | Early America Review.” *Archiving Early America: Primary Source Material from 18th Century America*. Archiving Early America, 2011. Web. 31 December 2011. <<http://www.earlyamerica.com/reviews/spring97/newspapers.html>>.
- “The French & Indian War. *Shmoop: Homework Help, Teacher Resources, Test Prep*. Shmoop University, Inc., 2011. Web. 31 December 2011. <<http://www.shmoop.com/french-indian-war/>>.
- “The War That Made America – French & Indian War Timeline | PBS.” *PBS: Public Broadcasting Service*. WQED Multimedia, 09 January 2006. Web. 31 December 2011. <<http://www.pbs.org/thewarthatmadeamerica/timeline.html>>.

Reflection and Discussion Questions:

1. As the war rages on, the militia begins to incorporate more “primitive” means of warfare. Do you believe Drake and Lambshead are warning against technology and the dangers of relying too heavily on it, or do you think this is just a strategy to make the parallel between *Into the Hinterlands* and the French and Indian War more evident?
2. Are robots (automatons) useful in the novel? In today’s society? In our future society? Why or why not?
3. Is Allenson a dynamic character in the story? Support your answer with textual evidence.
4. Why did the Riders join the Terrans and not the Brasilians? Support your answer with textual evidence.
5. As a further extension activity, have students revisit the biographical sketches they completed about the authors before reading the novel and identify which aspects of the novel might have been influenced by which author and discuss how the two authors complement each other’s strengths.

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