

# Kemmerich's Boots Group Assignment

*All Quiet on the Western Front* doesn't employ a great deal of symbolism, but one important symbol in the novel is Kemmerich's boots.

Kemmerich's high, supple boots are passed from soldier to soldier as \_\_\_\_\_.

Kemmerich himself took them from \_\_\_\_\_, and as Kemmerich lies on his own

deathbed, \_\_\_\_\_ immediately begins maneuvering to receive the boots. Paul brings them to \_\_\_\_\_ after

Kemmerich dies and inherits them himself when Müller is shot to death later in the novel. In this way, the boots represent

\_\_\_\_\_. A good pair of boots is more valuable—and more durable—

\_\_\_\_\_. The question of who will inherit them continually

\_\_\_\_\_. The boots also symbolize \_\_\_\_\_. One

cannot yield to one's \_\_\_\_\_; rather, one must \_\_\_\_\_.

*On the reverse of this page find at least 8 quotes that show the symbolic significance of Kemmerich's boots. Below each quote explain what the*

*quote demonstrates about the story based on the answers your group gave above.*

