

## SYLLABUS for *THE SORROW OF WAR*

### **CLASS FOUR: November 26: pages 3-92**

Locations: Central Highlands, Jungle of Screaming Souls,  
the abandoned farmhouse  
Hanoi  
Doi Mo

Characters: Kien, the Zil truck driver,  
platoon members—“Lofty” Think, Can, “Big” Think, Can, Oanh, “Elephant” Tac,  
Tu, Thanh, and Van  
the three “farm girls” and the South Vietnamese commandos  
Hoa  
Lan,  
his stepfather, poet  
Hanh, older girl, first sexual experience  
Phoung, childhood sweetheart  
Green Coffee Girl and her brother Vinh  
Tran Sinh

### **CLASS FIVE: December 3: pages 92-159**

### **CLASS SIX: December 10: pages 159-end**

**BAO NINH Resources:** See individual articles available on the class site:

<https://midcoastseniorcollege.org/project/two-sides-of-the-vietnam-war-course-website/>

Gradesaver Summaries/Guide

<https://www.gradesaver.com/the-sorrow-of-war>

*The Sorrow of War*, ISBN 978-0525562849 (available

Audible Audiobook (\$16.99) read by James Langton (available on Amazon)

Audiobook preview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WBQJZMEEEeCQ&t=3s>

blog post on *The Sorrow of War* written by a former army medic who served in the Mekong Delta from December of 1968 until the end of October 1969

<https://james-ballard.net/poisoned-jungle-blog/the-sorrow-of-war-bao-ninh>

Bao Ninh, brief reflection of war:

<https://www.pbs.org/kenburns/the-vietnam-war/> (8:59)