

**THEMES IN ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT**

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THEME	EXAMPLE	PAGE	SIGNIFICANCE
Nature of power (how individuals control others)	Sample: "The army is based on that; ... a non-com. can torment a private, a lieutenant a non-com, a captain a lieutenant, until he goes mad. And because they know they can, they all soon acquire the habit more or less."	44	Men in positions of power often take advantage of those below them without having a real reason or purpose. When people are given power, especially those who have not had it before, they tend to lose perspective of what is right. It is the nature of power to overwhelm those who have it.
Dehumanization (as brought on by war)			
Horrors of war; war is devastating and destructive			

Arguments against war			
Loss of innocence			
Alienation/disillusionment of a generation (the "Lost Generation")			
People are the same everywhere			