Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. Phrases like "tired of this business," sharing family photographs, and hoping the war "ends soon" show emotional exhaustion and a desire for normal life.

2. During the truce he met unarmed enemies, exchanged gifts, and helped bury the dead; later orders banned fraternization and restarted normal fighting, cutting off the peace he had just experienced.

Multiple Choice

1. B

2. C

3. A

Matching

1-B, 2-C, 3-E, 4-A, 5-D

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) trenches, 2) Truce (accept: truce), 3) myth

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: Reasons may include exhaustion from constant danger, desire to rest, need to bury the dead, curiosity about the enemy, and longing for a normal Christmas connection to home.

Q2: Front-line soldiers sought rest, human contact, and small acts of kindness; high command focused on maintaining discipline, continuing the war effort, and avoiding anything that might weaken soldiers' willingness to fight.

Q3: Accept either view if supported: for a hopeful symbol, students might cite shared carols or joint burials; for a warning, they might mention how quickly orders ended the truce and how the war continued for years afterward.