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Discusses the value of mining diverse student perspectives and personal experience for more fully comprehending Nick's fishing trip in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and the story's subtext of war. Svoboda outlines his strategy for introducing students to the physical weight of Nick's pack by bringing in a fully loaded backpack containing Hemingway's listed items, thus opening the door to discussions of Hemingway's realistic portrayal and the emotional weight carried by returning veterans suffering from PTSD.

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"Big Two-Hearted River" is a boy's adventure of camping and fishing, but it is finally a story of a man's healing. The story is broken into two parts (in In Our Time, they appear as separate stories in the table of contents and are divided by a brief interchapter), but there is very little plot in either. This was different though. Now things were done. There had been this to do. Now it was done. Start your 48-hour free trial to unlock this Big Two-Hearted River study guide and get instant access to the following: Summary. Themes. Hemingway communicates his theme in "Big Two-Hearted River" by paralleling and contrasting Nick Adams experience in World War I with his homecoming to Seney, Michigan. Upon arriving at the burned Get the entire Big Two-Hearted River LitChart as a printable PDF. "My students can't get enough of your charts and their results have gone through the roof." -Graham S. Download. Nick heads to the river, holding his fly rod, with the bottle full of crickets dangling from his neck on a strap. His landing net hangs from his belt, and a flour sack hangs from his shoulder. Nick feels "awkward and professionally happy." Regardless of one's expectations and preparations, some things, Hemingway implies, will always be an unexpected "shock." Active Themes. Nick tries to get a grasshopper out of the bottle, but the first one escapes and is snapped up by a trout in the water.