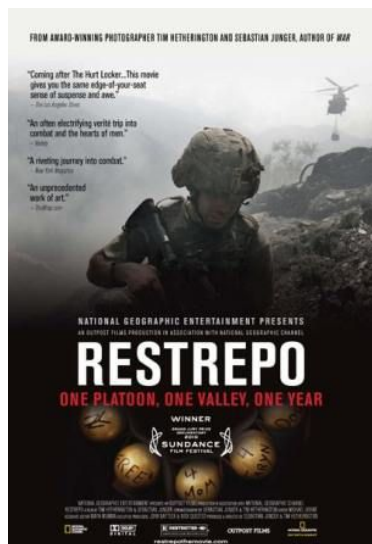


Restrepo Viewing Guide

Background on documentary Sebastian Junger and Tim Hetherington's year dug in with the Second Platoon in one of Afghanistan's most strategically crucial valleys reveals extraordinary insight into the surreal combination of back breaking labor, deadly firefights, and camaraderie as the soldiers painfully push back the Taliban. *Written by Sundance Film Festival*. Hetherington was later killed in Libya. A follow up film by Junger is called *Korengal*.



Location: the Korengal Valley, Afghanistan, which according to the film, CNN said was the “deadliest place on earth.” The Second Platoon’s deployment was for 15 months. The native people are the [Pashayi](#), the majority of whom are Sunni Muslims.

Terms

Hesco: rapidly deployable earth-filled defensive barriers

OP: Outpost [Outpost Restrepo; KOP is the Korengal Outpost]

AAF: Army Air Forces

IED: Improvised Explosive Devices

KIA: Killed in Action

Shura: Arabic word for consultation

Mujahideen: Afghan guerillas or rebels and who engage in Jihad

Chinook: The Boeing CH-47 **Chinook** is an American twin-engine, tandem rotor heavy-lift helicopter.

RPG: Rocket Propelled Grenade

Insurgency: an armed rebellion against the current authority

Jihad: the duty to spread Islam by waging war

Ordnance: explosives



Main “characters”

The of Battle Company 2nd of the 503rd Infantry Regiment [173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team](#) play themselves:

- Captain Dan Kearney
- Juan (Doc) Restrepo (who was killed)
- LaMonta Caldwell

Hearts and Minds is a reference to a strategy for success in Afghanistan by Gen. Stanley McChrystal, who said "If the people are against us, we cannot be successful. If the people view us as occupiers and the enemy, we can't be successful and our casualties will go up dramatically" ([CNN Politics.com](#)).

Assignment

Make 4-5 direct connections between the film and *The Things They Carried*. You can quote the film or simply refer to events or things that happen.

<i>Restrepo</i> When ----- says or happens >>	<i>The Things They Carried</i> >> it is just like when -----.