Unbroken-Quote Analysis Part I

Directions: You will answer each subsequent (following) question with a minimum of 5-7 complete sentences.

If you need more room, use a separate piece of paper!

Excerpt #1:

"After a lap around the Statue of Liberty, the *Zeppelin* banked north, then turned over the Atlantic. In time, it reached Europe. The ship passed over Nuremberg, Germany, where an obscure politician named Adolf Hitler had just called for the killing of the "weakest" babies to strengthen the German race. Then it flew east of Frankfurt, where a Jewish woman was nursing her newborn, Anne Frank. Sailing northeast, the *Zeppelin* crossed over Siberia, where villagers so isolated they'd never even seen a train, fell to their knees at the sight of it. On August 19, as four million Japanese waved handkerchiefs, the *Zeppelin* circled Tokyo..."

1. What *point* is the Author trying to make with this description? Why does she highlight these *specific* people and places?

2. How does this excerpt perfectly illustrate history does not happen within a vacuum; it's never just *one thing* at *one time*?

Excerpt #2:

"During a raucous childhood, Louie made more than just mischief. He shaped who he'd become. Confident that he was clever and bold enough to escape anything, he was almost incapable of discouragement. When history carried him into war, this resilient optimism would define him."

3. Do you believe you shape who you are as a child? Why or Why not?

4. What has personally shaped you, or what characteristics have you acquired, which you feel you will carry on into adulthood?

5. Is it easy to have "resilient optimism?" What does this phrase mean to you?