Introduction: Preceding the opening chapter of this novel are two quotations:
"You are all a lost generation." - Gertrude Stein

"One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh; but the earth abideth forever. . .
The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to the place where he arose. . . The wind
goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind
returneth again according to his circuits. . . All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not
full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again." – Ecclesiastes

Writing Prompt: What do you think Hemingway is trying to suggest by opening the novel with these two
quotes? Consider the following:
- Why might a generation be lost (remember the book was first published in 1926)?
- What is suggested by the idea that while the sun sets, it will also rise again (remember, this is a
significant quote from which the novel draws its title)?

Reflection: What themes might Hemingway be establishing by beginning the novel with these quotations?