ENGL 102 Quiz 6 “On the Rainy River” and “Who’s Naïve” Name________________

1. Define the following terms – what do they mean to you?
   a. Duty
   b. Courage
   c. Vivid

2. On p. 39 O’Brien gives us his 21-year-old definition of courage when he says, “Courage, I seemed to think, comes to us in finite quantities…” What does he mean by that? How does his definition of courage change over the course of the story – ie, how would the 43-year-old O’Brien define courage?

3. On p. 61 O’Brien calls himself a coward? Why? How does that sit with you?

4. What do you think Elroy Berdahl’s definition of courage is? Why doesn’t he ask O’Brien why he is there?

5. When is it your duty to disobey orders?

6. What structure or style does Wise use to argue against military action in Afghanistan? Be general here – look for the pattern that he uses repeatedly. Is this an effective style? Why or why not?