Gran Torino: Dealing with wartime trauma

Worksheet

Part #1 (individual work):

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| According to the texts, what wartime events caused veterans to develop PTSD? |
| Explain why many veterans of the Korea or Vietnam War were not diagnosed as being traumatized on their return from war. |
| Explain why PTSD often comes out or becomes worse when veterans reach a certain age. |
| List some of the symptoms that traumatized veterans might experience. |

Part #2 (partner work):

How much do these results apply to Walt? Could he be suffering from PTSD?

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| How do other people see Walt? Describe Walt through the eyes of his children and their families, Father Janovich, his friends, his new neighbours… |
| Watch the conversations between Walt and Father Janovich on the one hand (DVD 00:17:20—00:19:50; 00:27:11—00:29:17) and Walt and Thao on the other hand (DVD 01:36:10—01:37:00). What does Walt reveal about his wartime experience?  |
| Now try a final assessment. Would it be correct to assume that Walt is suffering from PTSD? |