Stephen King’s “Battleground” Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Reread the first paragraph. What does it make you think about Renshaw’s type of employment?

2. Define ‘infallible’. Use it in a sentence with the word predator to show its meaning.

3. Who is Hans Morris?

4. What clues are there that Renshaw lives in a penthouse?

5. Who/where does he think the package came from? Be specific.

6. Describe what comes out of the box first:

7. Given the context, what do think ‘bivouacking’ means?

8. What was the weapon not ‘listed on the box’?

9. Why does he describe himself as looking like a ‘crazed Indian”?

10. What was he going to use to find a way out of the ‘blind alley’?

11. What do you think about the ending? Who were you rooting for? Explain. (minimum 3 sentences).

Close Reading Annotations for “Battleground” by Stephen King

Please find examples of the following in the story. You may highlight, underline, and/or label these devices in the story. There is more than one example for each, so please mark as many as you can. This exercise MUST be completed BEFORE you leave class.

Imagery (tell which kind it is)

Simile

Metaphor

Characterization

Unusual / Interesting Diction

Personification

Protagonist / Antagonist

Conflict (all types)

Irony (all types)

Hero

Villain