

Study Guide: "Lifeblood"

1. What happened to the small island of Agoshima in Japan when supply ships no longer stopped there? What larger lesson may we draw from this example?
2. Consider the M/T *Leni*, a very large crude carrier (VLCC), built in 1981 in Korea, with a crew of 25. In this episode, what is it carrying? What is the point of origin for the cargo? Why is this vessel waiting in the Red Sea? What is the ethnic makeup of the officers and crew?
3. The Suez Canal is 101 miles long. It connects Port Said on the Mediterranean Sea with Suez on the Red Sea. What fees must the M/T *Leni* pay to transit the canal?
4. The New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) is the world's largest physical commodity futures exchange, located in New York City. How do actions here impact the fate of the M/T *Leni*?
5. What is the greatest danger facing an oil-carrying tanker? What was Captain Fanassi's experience in the war between Iran and Iraq?
6. Lloyd's of London is a British insurance market. According to Jonathan Jones, what actions does this outfit take to minimize its risk in marine insurance?
7. According to Captain Fanassi, what is the importance of taking the time to train the two maritime cadets on board?
8. Bronze refers to a broad range of copper alloys, usually with tin as the main additive. Why was bronze considered the strategic metal of its time?
9. Cyprus is an island nation in the eastern part of the Mediterranean Sea south of modern-day Turkey. There we find the Troodos Mountains. What is the historic significance of these islands?
10. It takes the M/T *Leni* sixteen hours to transit the Suez Canal. What mishap befalls the ship shortly after exiting the canal? How is this problem solved?
11. What is the significance of the Liberty Ships built by the United States during World War II? How many were built? What is the importance of the SS *John W. Brown*?
11. What was the conflict between Athens and Sparta in the 5th century B.C.? How was this conflict resolved?