



## Viewing Guide

**Background:** The documentary **Where Soldiers Come From** tells the story of a group of friends from Michigan's Upper Peninsula area who join the military together and are deployed to Afghanistan. There, they spend most of their time sweeping the countryside in tanks and on foot looking for improvised explosive devices (IEDs). They encounter IEDs a number of times, but survive thanks to their enhanced armored vehicles. The force of each blast, however, sends shock waves through their bodies and increases their risk of traumatic brain injury (TBI).

1. What is traumatic brain injury (TBI)?
2. Describe what happened to Dom when he was out on patrol.
3. How does Dom's girlfriend think his military service in Afghanistan has changed him? How do those changes seem to be affecting their relationship?
4. How does Dom think he has changed?
5. In what ways does Dom cope with his combat-related injuries?
6. How is Matt "Bodi" Beaudoin coping with his TBI?
7. What types of information or services do you think would help Dom, Bodi and their loved ones as these veterans adjust to life back home?