

Junior Honors Summer Reading

Directions: Answer the questions on the sheet. Put the page number where you found the answer. You do not have to answer in complete sentences. This assignment will be due the first week of school.

Alas Babylon

Chapter 1

1. Identify Anthony and Cleo, Graf, and Sir Percy.
2. Describe Florence. (25 words)
3. List 10 things you have learned about Randy.
4. What happened to Randy's political career? (25 words)
5. Who is Col. Mark Bragg?
6. Where does he live?
7. How does Preacher Henry describe the telegram?
8. Why is Randy using binoculars?
9. Who is Dan Gunn and how has he tried to help Randy?
10. How does Randy begin to prepare?
11. What mistake does the author say he makes? Why will that be a mistake?

– Chapter 2

12. Describe the Henrys' car.
13. Describe Randy's car.
14. Describe Alice Cooksey.
15. Who is Kitty Offenhause?
16. Describe Kitty's husband.
17. Why is Alice angry at Kitty?
18. How does Alice win the argument?
19. What is Alice's reaction to Florence's suspicions about Randy?
20. Where does Alice find the quote "Alas Babylon"?
21. Describe the library.
22. When Randy gets to the base, how is it different?
23. What does Randy promise his brother.
24. How does Mark describe his wife?
25. Why does Randy vow never to cry again?

Chapter 3

26. Describe Edgar Quisenberry.
27. Describe how he runs his bank.
28. Describe how he judges people.
29. How does Edgar feel about Randy?
30. Describe the poker game story.
31. What does this story show about the judge? Why?
32. What does this story show about Edgar? Why?
33. How does Randy get Edgar to cash Mark's check?
34. What does Randy buy at the grocery store?
35. Describe Bill Cullen's bar.
36. Why can't Randy lie?
37. What does he tell Malachai? Why?
38. How does Malachai's reaction surprise him?
39. How had he met Lib McGovern?
40. What does she say that makes Randy mad?
41. Why is Dan a bitter man?
42. Why is Dan concerned about Lib's parents?
43. What is their reaction to Randy's news?
44. Why has Randy been "spying" on Florence?
45. Summarize the last three paragraphs of the chapter.

Chapter 4

46. How does Helen feel about leaving?
47. What does Mark tell Ben Franklin?
48. What are some of the problems Randy begins to think about?
49. Describe the McGovern house.
50. What did Randy say that made Mrs. McGovern mad?
51. Why don't he and Mr. McGovern get along?
52. Why doesn't Mr. McGovern believe Randy?
53. What does Randy say about the children's reaction to the news?

Chapter 5.

54. How does Randy know the war has begun?
54. Why can't they go out on the roof?
55. What does Ben Franklin do to help?
56. What does Randy see on the side of the road?
57. What does the radio news say?
58. Describe the scene at the gas station.
59. Describe the scene at the inn.
60. Why does Randy slap Jennings?
61. What does Randy prescribe for Peyton?
62. Where is Florence going?
63. How had Alice prepared for the war?
64. What is the last city they can send a message to?
65. What happens as Florence sends Mr. Quisenberry's message?
66. What advice does Mrs. Estes give Edgar?
67. How does he respond?
68. What news does Corrigan have?
69. How does the business area react to the bank's closing?
70. Why does Edgar decide to close the bank?
71. Why did strangers begin to come to Fort Repose?
72. Why did Beck's Hardware run out of ammunition?
73. Why can't Edgar get gas?
74. What does Henrietta's note say?
75. What is Edgar's reaction?
76. How does the chapter end?

Chapter 6

77. What does "The Day" mean? Why wasn't it called "The War"?
78. Why is Randy so tired?
79. What messages does Mrs. Van-brukker-Brown give?
80. What is the family's feelings about Mark?
81. Describe Dan's day.
82. Why can't they drink milk?

83. Why Does Randy let Ben Franklin learn to use the gun?
84. Describe Sam Hazard's background and decision to retire.
85. Describe Hazard's hobby. Why do you think this will be important?
86. What does he say about Omaha and how does Helen react?
87. How does the "The Day" end?

Chapter 7

88. What happens as a result of the loss of electricity?
88. What warnings are given?
89. How is their water problem solved?
90. What does Randy "level" with Ben Franklin about?
91. Describe the Henry's house.
92. How is Malachai's debt to Randy repaid?
93. Why do they have a party?
94. What are some of the ways the town has changed?
95. What had happened at Pete's store?
96. Why does Randy pay for the jars? Why?
97. What does Randy find at Dan Gunn's office?
98. What had happened?
99. Describe the situation at the retirement hotel.
100. What are the "Contaminated States"?
101. How do they share their water?
102. What happens to the hotel?
103. On the ninth day, Latvinia dies. Describe her death.
104. Describe their breakfast.
105. Why is Helen "jealous" of the Liv?
106. What motivation does Randy give Mr. McGovern to keep living?
107. What item do they bring from the McGovern's and how is it used?
108. What does Randy say about burying Lib's mother?
109. Describe her burial.
110. Ben had heard screaming at Florence's. What had happened?
111. What is Randy's reaction?

Chapter 8

112. Describe Randy's morning routine.
113. What positive changes have occurred for Randy?
114. Explain Dan's barter system.
115. What is happening to the Henry's animals?
116. What do they agree to do to help the Henrys?
117. Describe some of the shortages.
118. What is the bad situation in town?
119. Why does Alice continue working?
110. Describe Bill Cullen's symptoms.
111. Describe the scene around the bandstand.
112. What are some of the items listed on the board?
113. Why is Randy excited by the church service?
114. What are some of the rumors about the war?
115. What does Randy think about the rumors?
116. Why has Jim Hickey gained importance?
117. What does Hickey do for Randy?
118. Describe Pistolville.
119. Describe Rita.
120. Why does Rita say Randy has changed?
121. What are Rita's investments?
122. Why does Randy give Rita the whiskey?
123. What do they do at Porkys?
124. Where was Bill keeping the jewelry?
125. What are the "highwaymen"?

Chapter 9

126. Why do they need Offenhaus's help?
127. Why does Bubba regret accepting the Civil Defense job?
128. Why does Randy have to draw his gun?
129. What is Randy's prayer for Porky?
130. What does Two-Tone want to begin to make?

- 131 Why would this be an advantage to the families?
- 132 What message does Mrs. Vanbrukker-Brown give about keeping order?
- 133 What “dream” has Helen slipped into?
- 134 What is Lib’s “project” going to be?
- 135 What does Peyton say that upsets Lib and Randy?
- 136 Describe the salad. Who invented it?
- 137 Describe Ben and Caleb’s weapons.
- 138 What advice does Randy give them?
- 139 What do they hear on Hazard’s radio?
- 140 Who are the “Big Three”?
- 141 What does Lib say about smallpox?
- 142 What has Hazard invented?
- 143 What has happened to Dan?
- 144 What does Helen give him?
- 145 What are the “iron rations”?
- 146 What do Ben and Caleb kill?
- 147 Why does Ben say about the killing?
- 148 How does Randy comfort him?

Chapter 10

149. Explain about the unexpected coffee. Where did it come from and who benefited.
150. Describe the ambush of Dan Gunn.
151. Explain at least five hardships for the survivors caused by the highwaymen’s ambush of Dan Gunn.
152. How does Randy plan to cope with the highwaymen?
153. Summarize each of Randy’s three Martial Law orders.

Chapter 11

154. Who gets married. Describe their marriage.
155. Who gets killed and how?
156. Who is Clarence Henry?
157. Why does Malachai believe that he should drive the truck instead of Randy.
158. What happens to Malachai?
149. What does Bill give as a wedding present?

150. What do they do with the captured highwaymen?

Chapter 12

151. How are people of River Road “cut off from the off from the outside world”?

152. What “horrid” tasting drink is described as wonderful?

153. What will substitute for anesthesia?

154. What happens to Ben Franklin?

155. Explain what two important items become scarce and how they deal with each problem.

156. What does Peyton do that makes Randy happy?

Chapter 13

1. Describe the plane.

2. What is their reaction to it?

3. What does the letter from the government say?

4. How are the men in the helicopter dressed?

5. What does on man use to “check them”?

6. Who does Randy recognize?

7. What is the capital of America now?

8. Why has Paul volunteered for this duty?

9. What do they call “The Day.”

10. What does Orlando look like?

11. What are the effects of C-14?

12. What happened to Mark?

13. Describe life in the big cities that were not destroyed.

14. What offer does Paul give Randy?

15. What is the group’s reaction?

16. What do they ask for?

17. What does the navy have left?

18. Why would Alice and Florence want to stay?