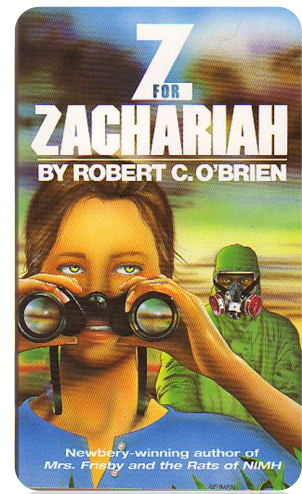


Z for Zachariah Notebook

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Pre-reading: Journal Writing

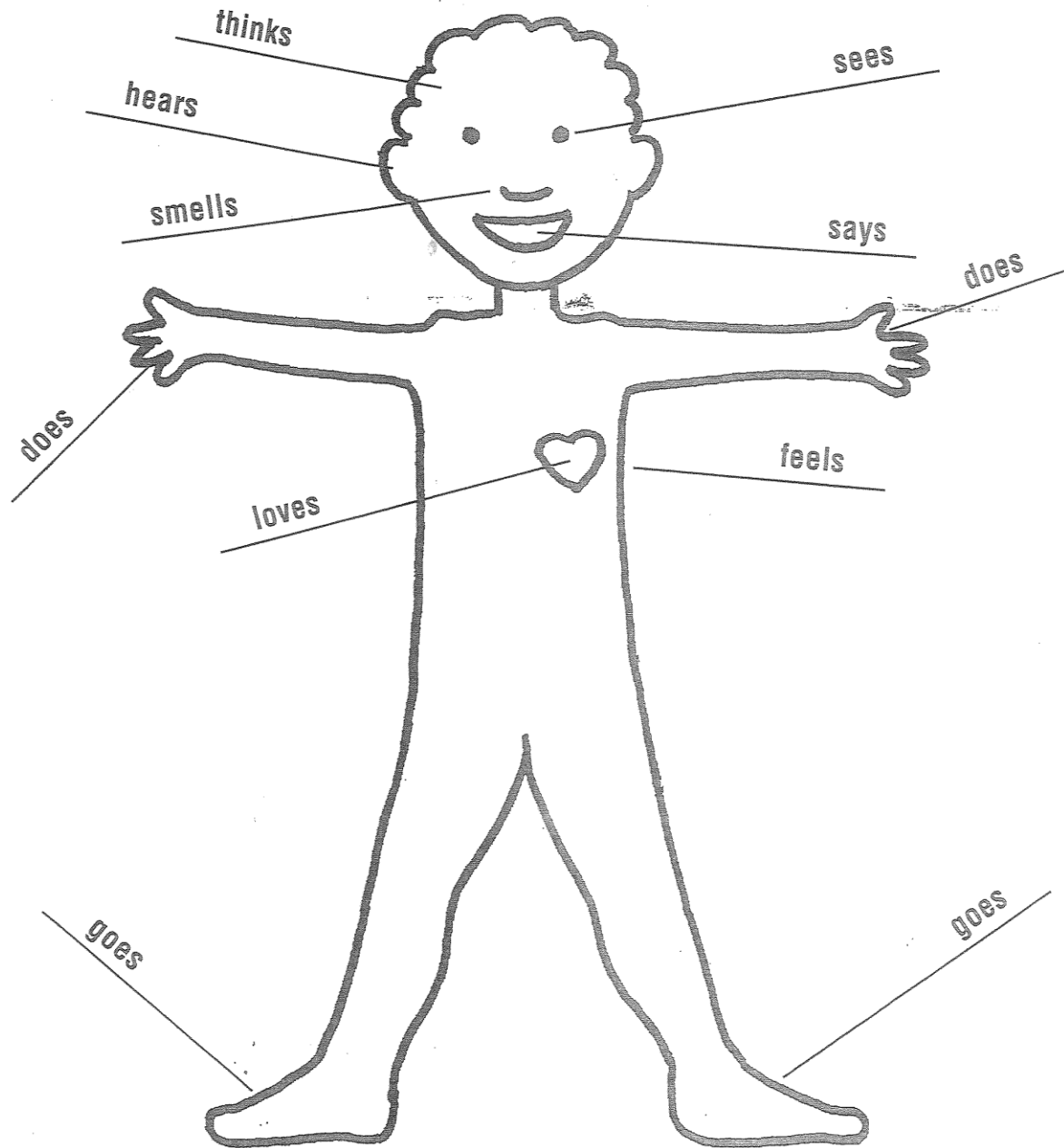
Directions: Complete each sentence according to your thoughts and beliefs.

1. Nuclear war _____.
2. If I were the last person in the world _____.
3. Nuclear radiation _____.
4. Keeping a journal _____.
5. Deciding whether to trust someone _____.
6. Taking care of someone who is sick _____.
7. The most useful class I ever had _____.
8. When someone is delirious _____.
9. A place I go to feel better _____.
10. Starting a colony that will last _____.
11. If I had only one book to read _____.
12. If I had to cook for myself, I could make _____.
13. Planning for the future _____.
14. Hiding _____.
15. Without electricity _____.
16. If I had to grow my own food _____.

Now, pick one of the sentences above and expand upon it in the space below.

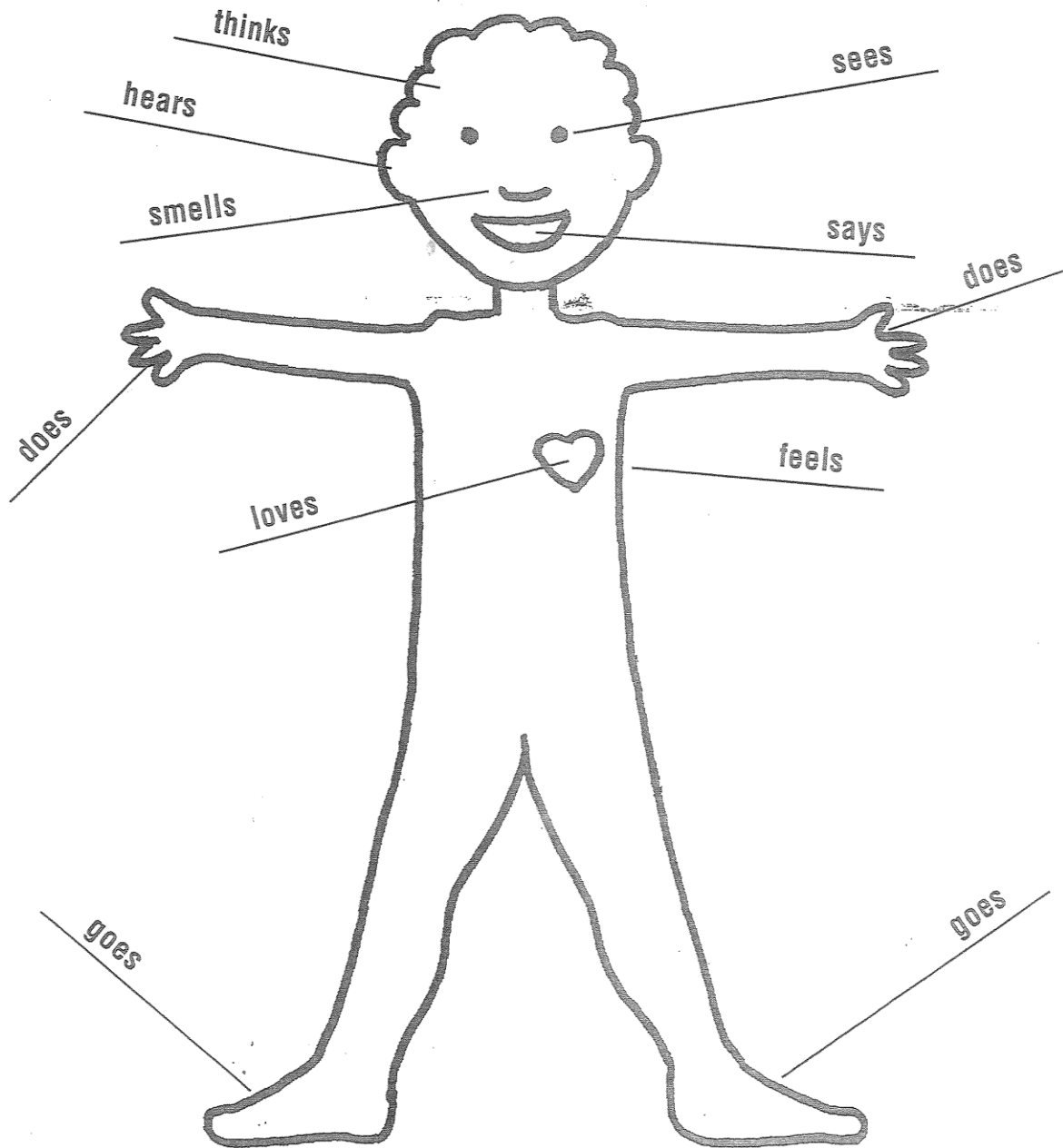
Ann Burden Character Map

Directions: Fill out the following character map for Ann Burden. For at least two of your answers, you need evidence from the novel. Make sure you cite it correctly: example "evidence from book" (O'Brien, p. ___).



Edward Loomis Character Map

Directions: Fill out the following character map for Edward Loomis. For at least two of your answers, you need evidence from the novel. Make sure you cite it correctly: example "evidence from book" (O'Brien, p. ___).



Significant Events

Directions: For each chapter, write down 2 important events.

Chapter	Event #1	Event #2
1		
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Chapter	Event #1	Event #2
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Writing to Persuade

Directions: During her time alone with Loomis, Ann had to make many decisions. In each case below, list one reason under the “yes” column and one reason under the “no” column.

Yes		No
	Should Ann warn the stranger before he bathes in the stream?	
	Should Ann try to nurse the sick stranger back to health?	
	Should Ann ask Loomis why he was so upset with “Edward” in his dream?	
	Should Ann live in the cave after Loomis grabs her?	
	Should Ann shoot Faro to keep him from tracking her down for Loomis?	
	Should Ann take the safesuit and leave the valley?	

Now, pick one decision and write a paragraph of 5-7 sentences explaining why you feel that Ann did or did not make the best choice.

Vocabulary: Analogies

Directions: Define the following words.

Word	Definition	Word	Definition
Omen		Respiration	
Phonograph		Harrow	
Contagious		Generator	
Anemia		Translucent	
Illusion		Staples	
Scribe		Cupola	

Analogies are a type of comparison. Example: NO is to YES as OFF is to ON. Use the words from the table above to complete the analogies that follow.

1. **CD PLAYER** is to **CD** as _____ is to **RECORD**.
2. **FURNACE** is to **HEAT** as _____ is to **ELECTRICITY**.
3. **ITCHINESS** is to **CHICKEN POX** as **FATIGUE** is to _____.
4. **M&M's** are to **LUXURIES** as **FLOUR** and **EGGS** are to _____.
5. **COUNTING MONEY** is to **TREASURER** as **NOTE-TAKING** is to _____.
6. **CANCER** is to **NONCOMMUNICABLE** as **FLU** is to _____.
7. **TRANSPARENT** is to **GLASS** as _____ is to **LAMPSHADE**.
8. **PULSE** is to **HEART** as _____ is to **LUNGS**.
9. **CATACOMB** is to **BELOW** as _____ is to **ABOVE**.
10. **PREMONITION** is to **FOREWARNING** as _____ is to **SIGN**.
11. **MIRAGE** is to **POOL** as _____ is to **REALITY**.
12. **STIR** is to **BATTER** as _____ is to **SOIL**.

Vocabulary: Multiple Choice

Directions: This exercise will give you practice with sentence completions. Look up the definitions of the words. Then, complete each sentence by writing in the word that best fits into the blank.

1. Ann _____ the stove because it was too heavy to move in one piece.

Word Choices	Definition? Look it up!
Concocted	
Disassembled	
Harrowed	

2. Loomis scolded Ann for going to church when there was planting to be done, but he seemed _____ when she told him she planned to work in the field that afternoon.

Word Choices	Definition? Look it up!
Reserved	
Mollified	
Irascible	

3. Ann knew it was necessary to _____ the soil before planting the seeds.

Word Choices	Definition? Look it up!
Cultivate	
Dismantle	
Compact	

4. Ann couldn't exactly read Loomis's mind, but she almost felt that she had some sort of mental _____ about his intentions.

Word Choices	Definition? Look it up!
Compromise	
Telepathy	
Enclave	

5. Ann thought it was _____ that she had never liked working in the fields as a child, she was now happiest when she was out there.

Word Choices	Definition? Look it up!
Ironic	
Blatant	
Imminent	

Study Guide

Chapters 1-3, pages 1-31

1. What is the setting- time and place- on which the story opens?
2. How long has Ann been alone- and why?
3. Why is Ann afraid when she sees smoke?
4. Why is Ann keeping a journal?
5. How does Ann know that everything and everyone around her is dead?
6. How does Ann keep track of the days?
7. What signs of life does Ann erase before the stranger's arrival?
8. How does Ann keep warm, heat food, and get water?
9. Where does Ann get items such as jeans and canned food?
10. What mistake does Ann see the man make and why doesn't she warn him?

Chapters 4-6, pages 32-66

1. Why doesn't Ann hug Faro when he bound into the cave?
2. What does Ann ordinarily do on Sundays?
3. Why does Ann decide to go into the man's tent?

4. How does Ann tend to the man while he is sick?
5. Who is the stranger and where is he from?
6. How did the valley escape the radiation poisoning?
7. How was Loomis able to get all the way to the valley safely?
8. On what project was Loomis working with Professor Kylmer?
9. Why wasn't Loomis killed when the bombing began?
10. Why did Loomis go to Chicago and what did he find?

Chapters 7-9, pages 67-97

1. Why has Ann been using the shovel on the garden instead of a tractor?
2. Why does Ann offer to play the piano?
3. Why did Ann assume when she was small that Zachariah was the last man?
4. How does Ann make a salad?
5. What does Ann think of when she smells the apple blossoms?
6. Why does Loomis decide to make the dam higher than it is?
7. Why doesn't Loomis go fishing with Ann?
8. Why does Ann take the stove apart?

9. What sorts of books interest Loomis?

10. How does Ann get the tractor going?

Chapters 10-12, pages 98-129

1. What steps does Ann take to care for Loomis when his fever soars?

2. Why does Loomis shoot the gun toward the second floor?

3. Why does Ann get the safe suit out and put it by Loomis' bed?

4. Why does Ann hold the safe suit up to the light, and what does she see?

5. How does Ann figure out what happened between Edward and Loomis?

6. What "good omen" does Ann find in the church?

7. What does Ann read to Loomis to soothe him?

8. How might the killing of Edward be seen as self-defense?

9. Why does Ann return to the church with the Bible?

10. Why does Ann play the piano as Loomis lies unconscious?

Chapters 13-16, pages 130-162

1. Why does Ann think of making a trip to Ogdentown?

2. How does Ann get the stove into the kitchen?

3. Why does Loomis scold Ann for going to church while he was sick?
4. How old is Ann on her birthday and how does she celebrate?
5. Why does Loomis get angry when Ann suggests she go to the library?
6. Why does Loomis tell Ann to pray for the calf?
7. Why does Loomis urge Ann to plan extra wheat and beets?
8. How does Loomis get to the porch and what does he watch?
9. Why does Ann sit next to Loomis- and why does she decide this is a mistake?
10. Ann feels that there is a big difference between the way Loomis tried to hold her hand and the way she once held his. What is the difference?

Chapters 17-19, pages 163-184

1. Why is Ann frightened to realize Loomis is not listening to her read?
2. What startles Ann while she is playing the piano for Loomis?
3. What does Ann hear in the church belfry?
4. Why does Faro growl and wake Ann up?
5. How does Ann get away from Loomis?
6. Why is Ann glad that she didn't run straight to the cave?
7. Why does Loomis feed Faro and tie him up?

8. What does Ann pick up at the store?
9. Why does Ann plan to continue bringing Loomis supplies?
10. When does Ann plan to build her fire- and why?

Chapters 20-23, pages 185-225

1. How does Ann hide her fire?
2. Why does Ann return to the house?
3. Which tasks does Ann say she is willing to take on alone?
4. Why does Loomis take out the tractor?
5. Why does Ann stop writing in her journal for several weeks?
6. How long does Ann continue to get food and water for Loomis?
7. Why does Loomis take the keys to the tractor?
8. Why does Loomis shoot Ann?
9. Where does Ann hide after she is shot?
10. How does Ann plan to kill Faro- and why doesn't she?

Chapters 24-26, pages 226-249

1. Where does Ann find shelter after leaving the cave?

2. What plan does she make while recovering?
3. What dream does Ann have over and over?
4. What does Ann decide to take on her trip?
5. How has Ann survived since leaving the cave?
6. What memory makes Ann want to hurt Loomis?
7. How did a rabbit save Ann from a trap?
8. How does Faro die?
9. How does Loomis know where to find Ann?
10. Why does Loomis choose not to shoot Ann- and tell her about the birds?

Rubric- Z for Zachariah Notebook

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