

# Summer Reading Assignment for Grade 7:

## **LIFE AS WE KNEW IT**

Before reading Life As We Knew It by Susan Pfeffer:

- Using your computer, go to YOUTUBE.
- Do a search for ASTEROIDS and watch 6 videos that have to do with asteroids.

**NEXT: READ THE NOVEL AND ANSWER THE SHORT ESSAY  
QUESTIONS AS YOU READ.**

SAVE ALL OF YOUR WORK TO BRING WITH YOU DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL. BE SURE TO ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!!!!!!

# Short Essay Questions

1. What does Miranda learn when her father calls in Chapter 1?
2. What does Miranda think about her father's wife Lisa?
3. Who is Brandon Erlich?
4. What was the school day like for Miranda on May 18?
5. What does the moon look like after it is hit by the asteroid?
6. What does the NBC anchorman report about the damage that happened after the moon was hit by the asteroid?
7. At the beginning of Chapter 3, what has Miranda's mother learned about what's going on after the asteroid hit?

- 8.** What happens when a thunderstorm begins on May 19?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 9.** Why does Miranda's mother come and get her from school on May 19?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 10.** In Chapter 4, how has Horton been acting?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 11.** On May 21, what does the president say about the situation since the asteroid hit?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 12.** What does Miranda's mother buy at a clothes store in Chapter 4?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 13.** What does Miranda learn about grades at school on June 2?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 14.** Why is it good for Jonny to go to baseball camp?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 15.** What treat does Mrs. Nesbitt bring on June 5, and where does she get the treat from?

**16.** What news does Miranda's father have on June 11?

**17.** Why does Peter tell Miranda's family to start using mosquito spray on June 12?

**18.** What do Miranda and Dan share about their grandparents in Chapter 6?

**19.** What chores does Miranda do on July 2?

**20.** What is decided about meals on July 3?

**21.** How are conditions changing on July 10?

**22.** Why does Peter think that Miranda should stop swimming in Chapter 8?

**23.** How does Horton disappear?

**24.** Where is Sammi going in Chapter 8 and with whom?

**25.** In Chapter 9, why does Miranda tell Jonny that they need to stay in Howell?

**26.** In Chapter 9, what reasons does Miranda's mom give her that show how lucky the family is?

**27.** What do Miranda and her family do for Jonny's birthday?

**28.** What is learned at the meeting held in Chapter 10 to discuss school?

**29.** How much can be salvaged of the plants Miranda's mother planted when there is a killer frost in Chapter 10?

**30.** What does Miranda witness and learn on August 29?

**31.** Why does Miranda decide to homeschool?

**32.** What does Miranda get from the school when she gathers things to homeschool?

**33.** What reason does Miranda give her mom for homeschooling, and how does her mother react?

**34.** What does Miranda wear and have to try to stay warm on September 6?

**35.** What happens when Miranda eats food from the pantry?

**36.** What does Miranda's family have to eat for Matt's birthday dinner?

**37.** What happens in Chapter 13 when Miranda goes to the hospital to get Peter?

**38.** What does Peter say about Miranda's mother's injury?

**39.** What encouragement does Miranda's mom give Miranda on September 19?

**40.** What is happening with the library and the librarian on October 3?

**41.** Why does Miranda decide to have her mother cut her hair in Chapter 14?

**42.** Where was Brandon Erlich when the asteroid hit and how did he get home?

**43.** On October 26, what does Miranda say about chores she has to do?

**44.** On October 28, what does Peter say about Miranda's mother's ankle when she trips a second time?

**45.** What plans does Mrs. Nesbitt want Miranda to follow when Mrs. Nesbitt dies?

**46.** How does Miranda describe finding Mrs. Nesbitt when she dies in Chapter 16?

**47.** What does Miranda find in one of Mrs. Nesbitt's cupboards in Chapter 16 that she wants to give to her mother as a present?

**48.** How do Miranda and her brothers get things from Mrs. Nesbitt's to their house in Chapter 16?

**49.** What do Miranda and Jonny do when Matt takes so long to come back from the post office in Chapter 17?

**50.** Why is Matt so late coming from the post office in Chapter 17?

**51.** On December 7, when are the only times that anyone from the family gets outside?

**52.** What happens on Christmas Eve?

**53.** What does Miranda's family have for Christmas dinner?

**54.** Why does Mr. Mortensen come to Miranda's house in Chapter 18?

**55.** In Chapter 19, what does Miranda learn when she goes to the hospital?

**56.** How does Miranda care for her family when they are sick in Chapter 19?

**57.** On February 12, what does Miranda's mother fry for lunch and how does Miranda describe the food?

**58.** What wakes Miranda and her family on February 22?

**59.** What do Matt and Miranda discuss before she goes to town in Chapter 21?

**60.** What does Miranda discover in town in Chapter 21?