Aphasia Book Club

Life as We Knew It

Chapter 20-21

Worksheet A

1. A) When the electricity starts to come back on, Laura decides to listen to the radio station broadcasts (p. 320). Some stations report those who have died, and others have news from the president saying that better times are coming. Why does Laura continue listening to the radio?

B) Some people might elect not to listen when it’s all bad news, while others may continue to listen for the information. What would you choose and why?

1. Miranda and Laura have realized that their food supply is running low. They both decide to eat fewer meals, but let Matt and Jonny eat every day (p. 324). Why do they decide to do this? How is Miranda feeling about her survival? Who does she think will survive?
2. Miranda realizes that she needs to go into town to go to the post office (p. 327). Why does she do this? What does Miranda tell Matt about her choice to go? If you were in Miranda’s situation, would you have done the same thing, or stayed at home?

1. Miranda gets to town and finds out that City Hall is open (p. 333). What was she told when she got to City Hall? How did this change the outlook of survival for Miranda and her family?