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***The Road* by Cormac McCarthy**

**Worksheet A**

**Pages 159-175**

Last sentence on page 175: “Tell me how I am to do that.”

Please highlight or make note of any interesting or confusing passages/words you notice in your reading. If there is anything you want to note for discussion, there is space at the bottom. The following questions will be used as a guideline for discussion in our next meeting.

1. On page 161, the man and boy encounter an old man travelling alone and stop to give him food. The boy wants to help the old man, but the father is hesitant. Describe the old man. Do you think the man and boy should have stopped like they did? What would you have done in this situation and why?
2. In the beginning of the book, the man walked away from a traveler on the road without stopping to help them. What do you think made the man stop this time? Is there a time that you remember helping someone? How did that make you feel? Is there a time when someone helped you?
3. On page 168 the old man says, “People were always getting ready for tomorrow. I didn’t believe in that. Tomorrow wasn’t getting ready for them. It didn’t even know they were there.” What does this quote mean? How do the man and boy adapt to unexpected change in the book?

3a. Relate your life to this quote. Do you agree or disagree with this quote? How do you handle uncertainty or change?

1. Why does the father question the old man on page 171? Why did the old man lie about his name? What is your opinion of the old man? Have you ever lied about something in your own life? Why do you think people lie or withhold the truth in certain situations?
2. The old man didn’t want to say thank you to the boy on page 173. Why do you think that is? Do you agree with that decision? Why or why not? What values are kept or lost in their society?