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***The Road* by Cormac McCarthy**

**Worksheet B**

**Pages 175-198**

Last sentence on page 198: “I’m sorry, he whispered. I’m sorry.”

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 184, they find a drugstore. What did they see inside?
   1. Expensive electronics
   2. The store was intact
   3. The store was falling apart
   4. Food
   5. A man’s head

Why do you think the expensive electronics were not stolen when people looted the store?

1. No one wanted it
2. No one needed it
3. They forgot to take it
4. Other:

If you needed to take things from a store during the end of the world, what would you take? Why?

1. Food
2. Water
3. Electronics
4. Money
5. Other:
6. On page 186, the man gets very sick and catches a fever. He tells the boy, “It’s all right. I’m going to get better. You’ll see.” Before, the man has been very honest with the boy and he told him that they might die or starve. Why do you think he keeps telling the boy that he will not die from his sickness?
   1. Because he really believes he will not die.
   2. To spare the boy’s feelings.
   3. Because he is not that sick.

Have you ever told a lie to spare someone’s feelings? What did you tell them?

1. Yes: What did you tell them?
2. No
3. On page 189, the boy has a nightmare. The man says, “When your dreams are of some world that never was or some world that never will be and you are happy again then you will have given up.” What does this mean? Do you agree with the man? Why or why not?

Disagree Agree

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1. On page 191, they see people burnt into the road. The boy is not bothered by the scene in front of him. Why do you think he is untroubled by something so disturbing?
   1. Because he doesn’t understand.
   2. Because he has seen so many other horrible things in his life.
   3. Because he is maturing.
   4. He is lying- he is troubled by it.

Do you think it is better to be sensitive to upsetting events, or is it better to be unbothered? Why?

1. It is better to be sensitive.
2. It is better to be unbothered.

Are there any parts of this section you would like to talk about?

Are there any parts that surprised you?