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***The Road* by Cormac McCarthy**

**Worksheet B**

**Pages 199-225**

Last sentence on page 225: “It’s me, he called, but the boy only stood there and he waved to him and went below again.”

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 210, the man says, “I think maybe they are watching. They are watching for a thing that even death cannot undo and if they do not see it they will turn away from us and they will not come back.” Who do you think is watching them?

A) Other survivors who may pose a threat.  
B) Nature, observing their struggle for survival.  
C) The remains of humanity, symbolizing lost values.  
D) Their own pasts, haunting them with memories.

1b. What does this mean?  
A) They are being judged for their actions and choices.  
B) Survival is more important than having values.  
C) They should be wary of others around them.  
D) It shows that they have lost all hope and are merely existing.

1. On page 212 the man shaves his beard again. Why do you think it is important to him to keep doing this?

A) To look presentable for others  
B) To maintain a sense of normalcy and dignity  
C) He wants to look more intimidating   
D) To avoid being mistaken for a bandit

2b. What is something you do that you value when taking care of yourself (shaving, having a clean haircut, etc.)? Why do you value this?

A) Eating healthy food  
B) Going for a walk  
C) Keeping a clean haircut/shave  
D) Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. On page 218, the boy goes swimming and comes out crying. “But when he looked the boy was crying. What is it? He said. Nothing. No, tell me. Nothing. It's nothing.” Why do you think he was crying?

A) He saw something that frightened him.  
B) He was overwhelmed by emotions.  
C) He was feeling unwell and in pain.  
D) He missed his mother and felt lonely.

1. The man and the boy reached a beach. Did they reach the coast they were aiming for the whole book?

A) Yes, and it was exactly what they hoped for  
B) Yes, but it was barren and desolate  
C) No, they got lost along the way  
D) Yes, but they found it too crowded

4b. Describe the beach they found. Do you think they were disappointed with what they found?

A) The beach was beautiful, and they felt a sense of hope.  
B) The beach was desolate and gray, with ash and debris, leaving them feeling disappointed and empty.  
C) The beach was crowded with other survivors, making them feel anxious and unsafe.  
D) The beach was warm and sunny, making them relaxed.

4c. Is there a time when you've felt deeply disappointed, like the characters in this book? Was there something you did to feel better?

A) I talked to a friend or loved one

B) I set new goals and retried

C) I tried something new

D) I gave up

E) Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

Are there any parts that surprised you?

Any confusing vocabulary?