# *Tomorrow, when the war began* – chapter questions.

All questions must be answered in full sentences. Use **quotes** and evidence from the text to support your response.

**Chapter One:**

* How does chapter one begin?
* Why have the group decided to write everything down?
* Why has the group chosen Ellie to record their story?
* Why is Chris Lang not allowed to come on the camping trip?
* In detail outline how Ellie sees each member of the group. Homer, Fi, Kevin, Lee, Corrie and Robyn.

**Chapter Two:**

* How does Ellie feel about missing the show?
* Describe Satan’s Steps.
* What does Ellie learn about Lee in this chapter?
* Describe the groups journey into Hell.

**Chapter Three:**

* Fi has never had two minute noodles. What does this suggest about her character?

**Chapter Four:**

* List the main events of chapter four.
* Outline each group members response to the snake bursting out of Homer’s sleeping bag.
* ‘We’d thought that we were among the first humans to invade this basin, but humans had invaded everything, everywhere. They didn’t have to walk into a place to invade it. Even Hell was not immune’ p. 39. What does Ellie mean when she says this?
* The group discusses the possibility of invasion after seeing the planes. They discuss the possible start of World War III. Why do you think this conversation takes place? Why has John Marsden included it?
* What do we learn about Homer in this chapter? Refer to the quote: ‘he’d always encouraged people to believe he had no feelings...’ p.43.

**Chapter Five:**

* When Corrie and Ellie are talking about their futures they make plans. What plans do they make?
* The group seems to have enjoyed their time in Hell. What indicates this? Insert one quote to support your answer.
* What unusual sights appear when they obtain a good view of the plains?

**Chapter Six:**

* List the signs in Ellie’s yard and house that indicate that something terrible has happened.
* When the group arrives at Homer’s they become more cautious. What actions indicate this? List at least five.
* ‘These things just don’t happen, not here, not in this country’ p. 62. Explain Ellie’s reaction. What does she mean?
* How does Homer know his family has not come back from the show?
* What is the theory that fits all the facts?

**Chapter Seven:**

* ‘The image I’ll always remember from Corrie’s place is of Corrie standing alone in the middle of the sitting room, tears streaming down her face. Then Kevin came in from checking the bedrooms, saw her, and moving quickly to her took her in his arms and held her close...I liked Kevin a lot for that.’ What does this show? Refer to the situation and their relationship.
* Why is the fax from Corrie’s father important?
* What do the group see from the hill behind Robyn’s house? What does Wirrawee look like?
* What do Corrie, Ellie and Kevin see at the showgrounds?
* Explain what happened with Ellie and the ride on lawn mower.

**Chapter Eight:**

* How does the group react when Ellie tells them about the ride on lawn mower? Refer to specific members.
* On pages 96 and 97 Homer says ‘this is war now, and normal rules don’t apply...They’re the ones who tore up the rule book, not us.’ What does this quote signify?
* How has Homer and Fi’s relationship developed?
* What did Homer and Fi notice on the way back to Robyn’s house? (p.102)

**Chapter Nine:**

* ‘Lives can changes quickly’ p.105. Explain with reference to: Ellie, Homer, Corrie, Kevin, Fi and Lee.
* ‘We were still innocent. Right up until yesterday’ p.107. What does Ellie mean?
* What is Ellie’s theory about the enemy landing in Cobbler’s Bay?
* What is Homer’s survival plan? ‘He combined action with thought, and he planned ahead’ p.111.
* In which instances does Homer show leadership in this chapter?
* At Corrie’s the group faces a threat. What is the threat and what is the outcome?

**Chapter Ten:**

* What happened to Robyn and Lee in Wirrawee?
* How does Mr Clement help Lee?
* Outline the plan to rescue Lee.

**Chapter Eleven:**

* On page 141 Ellie says ‘my fear came from love.’ What does she mean?
* Outline Lee’s rescue.
* Why do Robyn, Ellie, Homer and Lee decide to sink the BMW?
* Chris has been hiding. Where has he been hiding? What has he seen? What is his story?

**Chapter Twelve:**

* ‘I want to photograph it in my memory, in case...well, in case’ p. 159. What does Ellie mean? Why does she say this?
* Lee says: ‘we don’t know how widespread this thing is’ p. 160. What does he think may have happened?
* Why does Ellie get angry with Chris? How does he atone?
* Outline Ellie’s melt down. Why do you think this happens to Ellie?
* Why do you think the group cannot have a fire during the day?

**Chapter Thirteen:**

* What does the group learn when they listen to the trannie?
* What are the aims of the invasion? (p. 168 and p. 170)
* ‘Understanding is not the same as supporting...’ p. 171. Explain what this means.
* ‘Paradise of Hell...’ explain the irony.
* What does the group decide to do when they go into Wirrawee?
* What is the job of those who stay in Hell?

**Chapter Fourteen:**

* How does the group show that they are starting to think long term?
* What happens between Lee and Ellie in this chapter?
* What does Ellie find when she goes exploring? Describe what she finds.

**Chapter Fifteen:**

* What does Ellie learn about her feelings – Homer compared to Lee?
* How has Homer and Fi’s relationship changed/progressed? How does Ellie really feel about Homer and Fi being together?
* What duties do the group perform in this chapter in order to survive/live in Hell?
* What do Ellie and Lee discover at the Hermit’s Hut? What do they learn?
* Why does Ellie spend time picturing her parents? How does she picture them? (p.195-196).

**Chapter Sixteen:**

* How has Ellie and Lee’s relationship developed? How is their relationship different to Homer and Fi’s relationship?
* How does the group go about constructing a hideaway for the Landie? Why do they do this?
* ‘I too had blood on my hands... I couldn’t tell whether his actions were good or bad, so too I couldn’t tell if mine were’ p. 216. What does Ellie mean? Explain her emotions.
* ‘A perfect belief that they were right and the others were wrong’ p. 218. Explain what this means in relation to war.

**Chapter Seventeen:**

* What evidence is given in this chapter to show that Robyn’s character has evolved?
* Ellie is unhappy with Chris for bringing cigarettes and alcohol in Hell. Explain why.
* List at least eight things the group find out as a result of Kevin, Chris, Corrie and Robyn going into Wirrawee.
* What shocking news does Ellie receive in relation to the ride on lawn mower?
* What does the group find out about guerrilla groups?
* What is a ‘clean invasion’? Why does the enemy want a ‘clean invasion’?

**Chapter Eighteen:**

* How is Ellie feeling about Lee in this chapter? Select one quote to support your answer.
* What are the three options Homer presents to the group?
* ‘All these words, words like ‘evil’ and ‘vicious’, they meant nothing to Nature. Yes, evil was a human invention’ p. 243. What does this quote mean?

**Chapter Nineteen:**

* ‘...a machine gun in the back. It wasn’t a very smart arrangement, because we could see it from a long way off’ p. 246. What does Ellie note in relation to this? Also what does this thought show in relation to Ellie’s character progression?
* What do the group see when they watch the Heron Bridge for the first time?
* What is Homer’s plan regarding the Heron Bridge? What will they need? Outline in detail.

**Chapter Twenty:**

* Explain what happens in this chapter in four sentences or more.
* This chapter expresses that Fi has developed as a character. In what way has she developed?
* What problems (two) do Fi and Ellie experience?

**Chapter Twenty One:**

* How have Homer and Fi surprised Ellie?
* Ellie and Fi talk about Homer and Lee. How does Ellie feel about Lee compare to Homer?
* Outline in detail what happens with the bridge.

**Chapter Twenty Two:**

* Outline Homer and Lee’s story.
* What has happened to Corrie? Outline the different reactions of the group.
* What does the group decide to do in relation to Corrie?
* What do the group do at the end of the chapter?

**Epilogue:**

* What has the group been doing since they blew up the bridge?
* What do they think has happened to Kevin and Corrie?
* What are the future plans of the group?