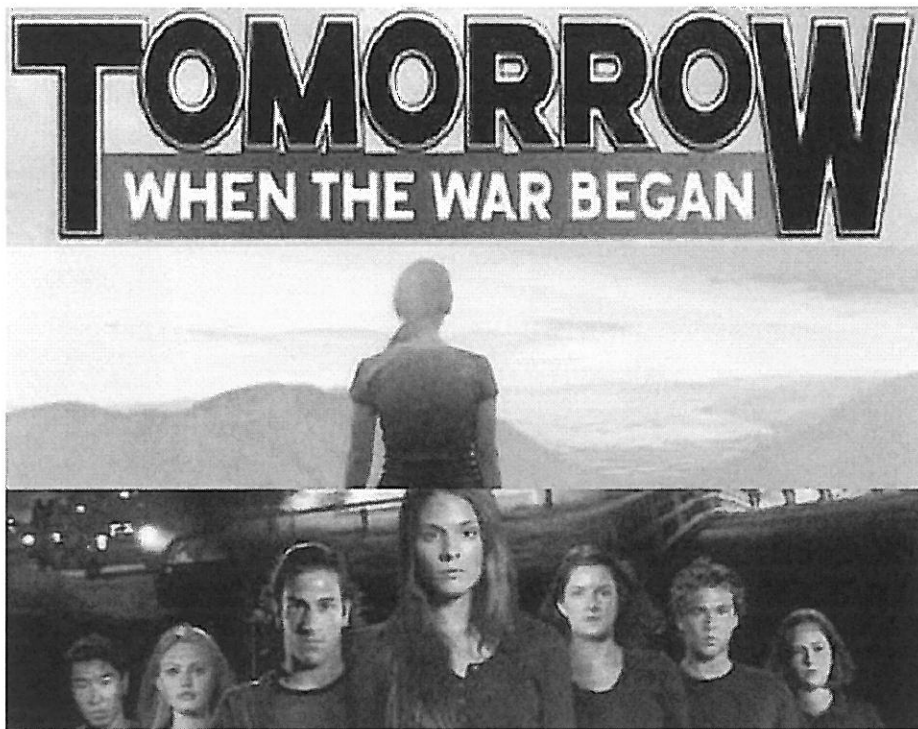


Tomorrow When the War Began

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Extended Text Study



Name: _____

Fill in the missing words from the word bank to complete the plot summary.

TOMORROW WHEN THE WAR BEGAN by John _____ is the story of _____ teenagers who go on a week-long _____ trip into a secluded spot known as HELL. The camp site is in an _____ area where it is rumoured that an ex-murderer lived for years as a _____ after he had supposedly murdered his _____ and child.

The organisers of the camp are _____ and Corrie; who invite _____, Ellie's childhood friend and _____; _____, Corrie's _____; and three other friends from _____: Robyn, who is an athletic netballer, and _____ and _____, who live in the _____.

On their return from the camp, the teenagers find that their world has changed. They immediately realise that something is very wrong. Their homes are _____ their families gone and their pets are _____. They figure out that the _____ had been invaded on _____ Day, and that their families are probably held captive at the _____ show grounds.

Although they do not know exactly what has happened, the group decides to resist the invaders and hope to be able to help their _____. They are shot at, they kill some of the enemy _____ by blowing up a ride-on _____ and they blow up the _____ on the highway leading out of town. Their lives are endangered and they retreat back to _____ using the camp as their base. There they organise themselves and make plans to survive the _____, uncertain of their future.

WORD BANK

Lee	country	Fi	Kevin	Homer	Ellie
bridge	lawnmower	Hell	invasion	wife	deserted
neighbour	hermit	school	town	inaccessible	Wirrawee
		Commemoration		soldiers	
seven	boyfriend	camping	dead	Marsden	families

Complete the following table with Ellie's description of her friends in chapter 1

CHARACTER	DESCRIPTION	SUPPORTING QUOTES
ELLIE		
HOMER		
CORRIE		
ROBYN		
KEVIN		
LEE		
FIONA (FI)		

Character

- The people in the story are either main characters or minor characters.
- The main character is sometimes called the protagonist
- We learn about the characters through:
 - What they say and do
 - What other characters say about them
 - How the writer describes them
- Characters are important because they help relay the *themes* of the story

Choose one important character and describe him/her in terms of the above criteria

NAME:	DESCRIPTION	SUPPORTING QUOTE
What he/she says or does		
What others say about him / her		
How the writer describes him / her		

Chapters 1 through 5 Abstract

- * The teens choose Ellie to document their history.
- * Corrie, Ellie's friend, comes up with the idea to take a camping trip.
- * Ellie and Corrie invite Homer, Lee, Robyn, Fiona, and Kevin to go camping with them.
- * The teens plan on driving down to Tailor's Stitch to go camping, but then Ellie decides to go camping in Hell.
- * Ellie's father forces her to promise that she will be the only one to drive the car on the way to Hell.
- * The teens find that the only way into Hell is a series of dangerous cliffs called Satan's Steps.
- * Robyn finds a bridge that makes it easier to get into the camping ground.
- * The group speculates about the Hermit who is rumored to have lived in Hell.
- * When the teens get to an open area, they decide to set up camp.
- * Fiona eats a dinner of two-minute noodles for the first time.
- * One night during the camping trip, Ellie wakes to go to the bathroom.
- * When Ellie wakes up, she spots a large group of planes flying low without any lights.
- * After hearing about the planes Ellie saw, the group thinks they may be coming from the Commemoration Day festivities.
- * Lee suggests that World War III is beginning, but no one takes this statement seriously.

Chapters 6 through 8 Abstract

- * Coming home from the camping trip, the teens arrive at Ellie's home to find it completely empty.
- * Three of Ellie's dogs are found dead and one barely alive.
- * In Ellie's house, the electricity is shut off and there is no note from her parents.
- * Next, the teens head to Homer's house and find the same predicament, as Homer's house is also completely empty.
- * The group discovers that their parents never came home from the Commemoration Day events.
- * The teens begin to think the worst and become very cautious.
- * Lee suggests that the group should act as if the country has been invaded and be very careful not to be discovered.
- * The group visits Kevin's house and finds it empty.
- * The teens find Kevin's working dogs dead while his Corgi is alive and extremely happy for his return.
- * The group goes to Corrie's house and finds the same emptiness in her house
- * Ellie finds a mysterious fax from Corrie's father on the fax machine.
- * The fax tells Corrie to "go bush" and be very careful because something terrible has conspired at the fairgrounds.
- * The teens go to Robyn's house and Robyn makes them eat before they move on.
- * The group splits up to save time.
- * Homer and Fiona head to Fiona's house while Kevin, Corrie and Ellie head to the showgrounds, and Robyn and Lee go to Lee's house.
- * Kevin, Corrie and Ellie have a dangerous run-in with enemy soldiers.
- * When Kevin, Corrie and Ellie are trapped at a dead-end, Ellie is forced to devise a plan that might kill the soldiers.
- * The soldiers most likely end up dying and Kevin, Ellie and Corrie manage to escape.
- * Kevin, Corrie and Ellie meet Homer and Fiona at a predetermined meeting place, but Lee and Robyn are nowhere to be found.
- * Kevin, Corrie, Ellie, Homer, and Fiona return to Corrie's house, and Ellie explains what happened and how she feels about possibly killing three soldiers.
- * Kevin and Fiona also tell of their adventures.

Chapters 9 through 11 Abstract

- * Ellie, Corrie, Homer, Fiona, and Kevin discuss plans on what to do next.
- * While talking, Ellie, Corrie, Homer, Fiona, and Kevin hear a helicopter and scramble to get a look.
- * The helicopter spots Kevin's dog and Ellie fears that the people on board will think someone is in Corrie's house.
- * Fortunately, the helicopter only stalls for a few moments and then goes on its way.
- * Homer decides that they must give the dogs food but abandon them in order to ensure the safety of the group.
- * Homer also states that they must kill the cows that are ill to be merciful.
- * After Homer kills the cows, the teens go into the shearer's quarters.
- * While in the shearer's quarters, the teens spot a jet flying quickly towards Corrie's home.
- * The jet deploys bombs onto Corrie's house and it is blown to smithereens.
- * When nightfall arrives, Homer and Ellie leave for Robyn's house, hoping to find Robyn and Lee.

- * After Homer and Ellie arrive at Robyn's house, Ellie sees movement inside of the house.
- * Homer and Ellie discreetly sneak into Robyn's house, and Robyn almost shoots them in her panic.
- * Robyn informs Homer and Ellie that Lee was shot in the calf and he is still in town with a dentist who cared for his wounds.
- * Robyn, Homer, and Ellie head off to fetch Lee with a large truck with a bucket on the front.
- * On the way back from picking Lee up, Robyn, Homer, and Ellie are spotted and soldiers shoot at them.
- * The soldiers' bullets hit the car, but no one is injured.

Chapters 12 through 16 Abstract

- * The teens go back to Ellie's house to find that it has been looted.
- * Ellie finds a note on the refrigerator that states "Gone where the bad people go. See you there!"
- * Ellie's emotions run high as she first has a strange dream about her and Lee, which leaves her confused, and then ends up screaming at Chris for falling asleep.
- * The teens decide to again set up camp in Hell.
- * This time, the teens scatter food around the area in case they become cut off from their main campsite.
- * Ellie finds the Hermit's house.
- * The teens start a small garden of vegetables.
- * Ellie and Lee learn that the Hermit was found not-guilty of murder.

Chapters 17 through Epilogue Abstract

- * The teens learn that the soldiers are planning to colonize Australia.
- * Homer suggests the teens blow up the bridge over the river Heron.
- * Ellie and Fiona go through with the destruction of the bridge just as soldiers begin to cross it.
- * Corrie gets shot in the back and Kevin takes her to the hospital.
- * At the end of the book, Ellie states their story is not yet over.
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Character Descriptions

This section provides a short description of all the major characters in the book. This can be printed out as a study guide for students, used as a "key" for leading a class discussion, or you can jump to the quiz/homework section to find worksheets that incorporate these descriptions into a variety of question formats.

Characters

Ellie - This character helps to come up with the idea for the camping trip.

Homer - This character is known as a clown.

Fiona - This character is small and delicate but strong and determined.

Lee - This character's parents own a restaurant.

Corrie Mackenzie - This character is shot in the back.

Kevin - This character is a member of the original seven and described as a stable person.

Chris - This character is considered odd by many of the students, though most agree that the character is also a genius.

Robyn Mathers - This character often faints.

Ellie's Father - This character is a farmer and is captured at the Commemoration Day event.

Steve - This character doesn't appear during the story except in memories.

Object Descriptions

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Objects

Wirrawee - The majority of the residents live here when the army takes them prisoner.

Tailor's Stitch - This is where the group is camped when the army invades.

Hell - This is where the group sets up their base camp after the invasion.

Satan's Steps - This is a group of cliffs.

Hell's Hermit - This is the name given a man after he kills his wife and small son.

Commemoration Day - This is the day the army invades.

The Showground - This is where the Commemoration Day activities are held.

The Heron - This is the spot where Ellie, Fiona, Homer and Lee blow up the bridge.

Curr's - This is the name of the company that has the tanker trucks that are used to blow up the bridge.

Mt. Tumbler - This is where the man who killed his wife and son is from.

Short Answer Questions

Directions: Answer each question with the appropriate short response.

Short Answer Questions - Chapters 1 through 5

1. Why does the group write down what is happening?
2. Who is chosen to write down everything that happens?
3. In what month is the camping trip?
4. In what country is the camping trip?
5. Where do Corrie and Ellie plan to go camping?
6. Where does Ellie want to camp?
7. What are the small cliffs leading down into Hell called?
8. Why didn't they invite Elliot on the camping trip?
9. Who is uncomfortable with silence?
10. How does Ellie initially view Robyn?

11. What is the one thing that Lee and Fiona have in common?

12. Who does Ellie say invented the game "Greek Roulette?"

13. What time does Ellie plan to leave for the trip?

14. When is the Wirrawee show?

15. What is one of Ellie's favorite places?

16. Who is most afraid of the insects on the way down to Hell?

17. Who finds the bridge on the way down into Hell?

18. Who calls Ellie a "stupid dumb obstinate slagheap?"

19. Who eats two-minute noodles for the first time?

20. Who reads the book "All Quiet on the Western Front?"

21. Who looks in the creek for gold?

22. Who finds a snake hiding in a sleeping bag?

23. Why does Ellie invite Lee to go camping?

24. Who do the teens think built the bridge in Hell?

25. How big is the opening near the creek?

26. In Chapter 4, what do the teens spend most of the day doing?

27. What does Ellie see when she gets up to use the bathroom?

28. Whom does Homer develop a crush on?

29. In Chapter 5, what do the teens say they are going to do?

30. In Chapter 5, what game do the teens play?

31. In Chapter 5, what does Robyn say about the camping trip?

Short Answer Questions - Chapters 6 through 8

1. Which of the dogs does Ellie find alive?

2. Who does Ellie attempt to call before she finds there is no dial tone?

3. How far is Homer's house from Ellie's?

4. Who tells Ellie not to press on the horn as they approach Homer's house?

5. Who is a bad driver?

6. Who remembers seeing the planes flying without lights on the camping trip?

7. Who suggests that the country has been invaded?

8. Who is the only one who can keep up with Kevin?

9. How many working dogs do they find dead outside of Kevin's house?

10. Who begins to clean when situations become very emotional?

11. Who has the idea to travel by bicycle?

12. Who runs most of the way from Kevin's to Corrie's house?

13. Who finds a message at Corrie's house?

14. Who initially suggests that the teens should split up?

15. Who does not need to change into dark clothing?

16. Who gets shot at by soldiers?

17. Whom do Corrie, Kevin and Ellie see at the meeting point?

18. What do the friends have with them that Corrie, Kevin and Ellie see at the meeting place?

19. Who helps to console Ellie about the death of three soldiers?

20. What street do Homer and Fiona find to be a disaster area?

21. What does the sign on the window of Tozer's say?

22. Who has "hearing like a bat?"

23. What does Homer graffiti on a wall?

24. What do the invaders eat a lot of?

25. Why does Fiona start to yell when she is on the mission with Homer?

26. Who states that Homer is hopeless?

27. Where is Fiona's cat living?

28. Who coaches the footy team?

29. Who surprises Homer by knowing that the boys' toilets have little yellow "balls" in them?

30. Who suggests sleeping in the shearer's quarters?

31. Who usually wouldn't be trusted to hand out books at school?

32. Where do the teens hear an explosion?

33. Where is the milk bar?

34. What is behind the milk bar?

35. Who is startled by Fiona's cat?

36. Who seems sure that everyone's parents are okay?

Short Answer Questions - Chapters 9 through 11

1. When does Fiona wake Ellie?

2. How long does Ellie take to fully wake up?

3. Who has to kill the cows?

4. Whose house is bombed?

5. Whose dog is spotted outside of Corrie's house?

6. Who gets shot in the calf?

7. When Ellie sees movement in Robyn's house, who thinks it's a cat?

8. Who takes care of Lee's hurt leg?

9. What do Homer, Robyn, and Ellie go to get Lee in?

10. Who says their only chance is surrendering if attacked?

11. Who believes the teens' situation is forcing them to grow up?

12. Whom does Ellie say is musically inclined and writes poetry?

13. What is the dentist's name?

14. Who almost shoots Ellie and Homer?

15. At what time do Homer, Ellie, and Robyn decide to leave to go get Lee?

16. How long have Corrie and Ellie been friends?

17. Who thinks the group is no longer innocent?

18. Who is now seeing Homer as a confident and mature person?

19. Who senses that inaction is the enemy?

20. Who is depressed about being forced to become a vegetarian?

21. Who suggests burying all of the valuables?

22. Who promises to look for Kevin's dog after the jet bombs Corrie's house?

23. Who isn't much of a driver?

24. How long do Homer and Ellie wait for Robyn and Lee before they decide to check the house?

25. Who is prone to fainting?

26. Between what hours does Ellie say most hospital deaths occur?

27. What type of car does Chris' parents have?

28. At what time do Homer, Ellie, and Robyn set out to go get Lee?

29. What kind of car does Homer drive to meet Robyn, Lee, and Ellie.

30. What happens to Lee during the ride in the bulldozer?

31. During the chase, whose head begins to bleed?

32. How do the teens dispose of the BMW?

33. What percent of the school thought Chris was weird?

34. What percent of the school thought that Chris was a genius?

35. How many people at the school believed Chris was a legend?

36. How does Ellie keep herself awake during the car ride?

Short Answer Questions - Chapters 12 through 16

1. Whose house does the group discover has been looted?

2. Who takes the first watch because he had the most sleep?

3. Whom does Ellie dream about?

4. Whom does Ellie become extremely angry with?

5. What is Ellie amazed at after her angry outburst?

6. Who teaches Corrie how to use the radio to get stations from other countries?

7. What is the country the man on the radio is talking about before the batteries go dead?

8. Who suggests hiding out until the war is over?

9. Who is the wealthiest of the group?

10. Where do the teens decide to set up camp?

11. Who suggests bringing hens, goats, and lambs to Hell?

12. Who plans to go to the Showground?

13. Who plans to look around town?

14. Who is jealous that Homer is attracted to Fiona?

15. Whom does Lee seem to be angry with?

16. Who wants a Bible?

17. Who locates the Hermit's hut?

18. What plants does Ellie find outside of the Hermit's house?

19. Who plants a garden?

20. Whom does Ellie take to the Hermit's house?

21. What is the Hermit's real name?

22. How old was the Hermit's son when he died?

23. What was the Hermit's wife's name?

24. Who seems nervous when Ellie and Lee return to camp from the Hermit's house?

25. Who asks Ellie for advice?

26. Whose thoughts on the cause of the war is somewhat accurate?

27. Why did the Hermit move into solitude?

28. Where did the Hermit initially live?

29. Whose opinion on the cause of the war sparks anger among others in the group?

30. What do the teens plant in their garden?

31. What was the Hermit's son's name?

32. How does Lee feel when Ellie kisses him?

33. What is Ellie disgusted to find Lee doing when she comes back to the campsite?

34. How does Ellie attempt to console Lee?

35. Which teacher gave out more detentions than the rest of the staff put together?

36. What was the Hermit's occupation when he was alive?

Short Answer Questions - Chapters 17 through Epilogue

1. Which of the teens states that the hospital is still operating?

2. Who is the unofficial leader when Robyn, Corrie, Kevin and Chris leave?

3. What do the soldiers plan to do with the farmers?

4. How many deaths do Robyn, Corrie, Chris, and Kevin say there have been?

5. Who are the invaders conscious of being evaluated by?

6. What does Chris bring back with him?

7. What does Ellie take from the Gruber's?

8. What law does Ellie think is ridiculous?

9. What does Chris call his shoplifting?

10. Who makes a trip out of Hell in Chapter 18?

11. Over what river is the bridge that Homer wants to blow up?

12. How does Lee think he let the group down?

13. Who is afraid of the power of the explosion of the bridge?

14. Who gets the truck under the bridge without getting caught?

15. Who screams for Ellie to hurry when she is underneath the bridge?

16. Who suggests that the teens use motorbikes to get away from the bombing scene?

17. Who is Ellie surprised that agrees with the motorbike idea?

18. Who calls himself Corrie's "mate?"

19. Who was Ellie nervous about being paired with?

20. How does inhaling the petrol make Ellie feel?

21. Whom does Ellie worry may be secret pyromaniacs?

22. What does Homer say the teens won't put so much faith in next time?

23. What was Ellie's dog's name when she was little?

24. Who has first sentry duty when the teens get back from the bridge?

25. Who is the jeweler in town?

26. What time do the teens get to Robyn's music teacher's house?

27. Where do the teens set up a decoy campsite?

28. Who is upset that Chris shoplifts alcohol and cigarettes?

29. What did Ellie eat from the cans in the Fleet's pantry?

30. How does Homer get the cattle to do what he wants?

31. Who gets shot in the back?

32. Who takes the person who gets shot to the hospital?

33. Who suggests ding-dong-ditching the hospital?