You can respond in this booklet or on separate sheet of paper if you prefer

Must bring to Language Arts class on the first day of school
Before the meteor strikes the moon, what are the biggest concerns in Miranda’s life? How do they change in the months that follow?
After the meteor strikes the moon, services such as telephone, Internet, and television stop, and Miranda writes in her journal that “Civilization had ended.” (p. 21) Do you think people are too dependent on electronic gadgets? Would you feel as Miranda does if you could no longer use the gadgets many people have come to depend on in their daily lives? How would you handle this situation?
What does Miranda experience at the supermarket that makes her realize how things have changed for the worse? (pp. 35–38)
How would you describe Miranda’s relationship with her brothers, Matt and Jonny? How does this relationship change during the course of the story?
How would you describe the relationship between Miranda and Dan?
Why is Miranda’s mom so angry about her leaving the food line to get Dan? (pp. 100 – 101) What surprises Miranda most about her mom’s reaction?
Why does Sammi leave town with forty-year-old George? (p. 134) How does Miranda feel about Sammi leaving?
What does Miranda realize about her mom when she visits Megan for the last time? (pp. 164–65)
Do you think the reaction Miranda’s mother has when she sees Miranda eating the bag of chocolate chips is appropriate, or did she overreact? (p. 193–95) How does her mother’s reaction affect Miranda emotionally? (p. 195)
Why does Miranda call Reverend Marshall “despicable?” (p. 222) Do you agree with her? Why or why not?
After Mrs. Nesbitt dies, Miranda goes through her kitchen cabinets and says doing so makes her “feel like a cannibal?” (p. 240) Why does she feel this way?
Why does Miranda call the family’s first Christmas after the catastrophe “Absolutely the best Christmas ever”? (p. 280)
On New Year’s Eve, Miranda wonders if people ever realize how precious life is. (p. 287) What events have happened in Miranda’s life to remind her that life is precious?
What incident happens at the house to make Miranda believe her family will survive no matter what?
What does Miranda realize in terms of why she has been keeping a journal? (p. 337)
What do you think will become of Miranda and her family and friends? Continue Miranda’s journal by writing four journal entries that describe what you think has happened to her, her family, and her friends.
If you were in a catastrophic situation like Miranda, what would you do? What would you be willing to do in order to survive and take care of your family?
Miranda and her friends Sammi and Megan have different ways of surviving. Sammi leaves her home with a benefactor; Megan puts her faith in God; and Miranda stays put. Which one of those actions would you take to save yourself and your family, or would you do something different?
Several times in the book, Miranda describes her dreams and daydreams. In many of those dreams, Miranda struggles to determine if she is in heaven. Why do you think this is important to Miranda? How do her dreams affect her in her waking life? Why does she need to daydream? Why does the last dream (p. 326) make Miranda decide she needs to sacrifice herself for her family?