

City of Ember – Questions for Reading Log

Find a quote and draw a pencil sketch of the event.

Quote MUST include: the PAGE number, the PARAGRAPH number and the LINE number within the paragraph.

Ch1

- Your dream job
- Everyone's nervous. See, the job you're assigned is completely random, and some of them just plain stink. Plus, you have to keep yours for at least three years before you can ask for another one. So yeah, getting a plum position is pretty important.
- How would you feel about getting a permanent job at the end of this school year? Explain.

Ch2

- There have been rumors of shortages, but they've never been completely out of light bulbs before. Without light bulbs, nobody would be able to see. Could Doon be right that something's seriously wrong with the city?
- Why is electricity especially important for the city of Ember?
- What could Lina and Doon have done to mend their friendship after the incident? What would you have done if you were Lina? Doon?

Ch3

Give an example of where hope becomes unrealistic. Make a connection.

What does the river represent? How do the people of Ember see the river? Why do you think they see it that way? Explain.

When you're a kid in Ember, your life isn't all fun and games (well, except for the parts that are). Give an example of where a serious tone was portrayed in this chapter. Explain why.

Ch4

Give an example of where family was important in this chapter. From the perspective of the book, why is family important?

Elaborate on your quote.

What are some hopes/dreams of the people of Ember? Are they different from yours? Why or why not?

Ch5

What did the colored pencils represent? (quote, and explain your ideas thoroughly)

Explain how Lina felt when the lights went out (quote needed). Make a connection with her feelings. Explain what happened.

Ch 6

What do you think is the importance of the box? Explain.

"The trouble with anger is, it gets hold of you. And then you aren't the master of yourself anymore. Anger is." (6.34)

Give an example where anger impacts a character's choices. Explain why. When has anger impacted your choices? Was it a positive or negative result? Why?

Ch 7

"And the Builders will come again and show us the way."

"How do you know?"

Captain Fleery straightened up and clapped a hand over her heart. "I know it here," she said. "And I have seen it in a dream. So have all of us, all the Believers." (7.32-36)

Why is hope and believing important to the people of Ember? Explain.

What is the significance of the torn up message? Why do the people Lina shows the message to not see its importance? How do you think Lina will solve this mystery?

Ch 8

Fire was rare in Ember. When there was a fire, it was because there had been an accident—someone had left a dishtowel too close to an electric burner on a stove, or a cord had been frayed and a spark had flown out and ignited curtains... But it was, of course, possible to start a fire on purpose... The trick was to find a way to make the light last." (8.16-17)

Why would fire be important to the people of Ember? How could fire help the people of Ember?

Heavens above – Indicates surprise. What "heavens" means is unclear. It might be another word for "floodlight." Hogwash – Means "nonsense," though no one knows what a "hog" is or why one would wash it. (8.22)

Find examples of words or phrases that the characters in the novel do not understand. What do they mean? Why do you think they do not know their meanings?

Ch 9

Who do you think Lina and Doon see in the pipeworks? What is the person doing there? Find a quote to support your answer and draw a sketch of the person.

Ch 10

Granny's death

Lina colours the sky in the drawing of "her city" blue rather than the black sky of Ember. Why do you think she does this? What does it represent?