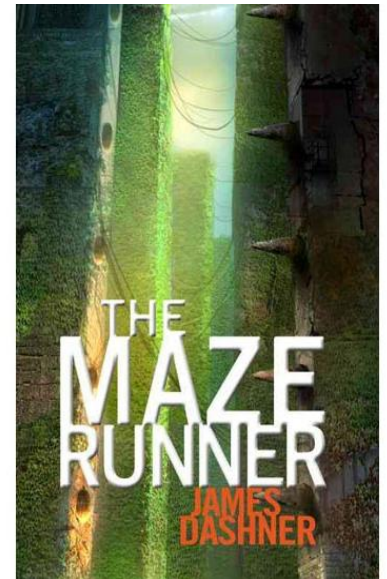


THE MAZE RUNNER

In this package you will find the questions you must complete as you read the novel *The Maze Runner*. You are responsible for bringing these things to class every day. Please do not write on the question sheets. Instead, record your answers neatly on loose leaf and keep them in your novel duotang.

For these short answer questions, respond in complete sentences so I can tell what question you are answering by reading your response. Marks will not be given for answers that are not written this way. See the example below.



Example: Why do you think the boys are so reluctant to give Thomas any answers in Ch. 2?

- X *Because they think Thomas is...*
- ✓ *The boys are so reluctant to give Thomas any answers in chapter 2 because...*

I will be collecting your work weekly. This way you and I will always know how you are doing. Each question is worth one mark.

Date	What's due?
Tuesday, October 30, 2012	Receive novel
Wednesday, November 7, 2012	Chapters 1-12 due
Wednesday, November 14, 2012	Chapters 13-25 due
Wednesday, November 21, 2012	Chapters 26-38 due
Thursday, November 29, 2012	Chapters 39-55 due
Wednesday, December 5, 2012	Chapters 56-Epilogue due
Thursday, December 13, 2012	Final Project due

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Chapters 1-4

1. Why was Thomas so disoriented and confused in Ch. 1? Who was he finally greeted by? How?
2. Why did Thomas' confusion grow even deeper in Ch. 2? Give specific examples from the story.
3. Why do you think the boys are so reluctant to give Thomas any answers in Ch. 2?
4. What is a "Greenbean"? Where do you think this nickname originates from?
5. How are many of the other boys treating Thomas? Why do you think they are acting this way towards him?
6. Why did Thomas think Chuck may be his only friend there?
7. What did Thomas observe about the Maze and the Runners in Ch. 4?
8. Why was Thomas in awe of the doors closing? Why were the doors being closed each night?

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Chapters 5-8

1. What trick did Chuck play on Gally in Ch. 5? How did Thomas react at first? How did he react a little later? Why?
2. Why did Thomas say he wanted to be a Runner? What did he reveal to Chuck?
3. Describe what Newt showed Thomas early that second morning? Why did he do this?
4. What were they all there to do? Why did Thomas still want to be a Runner, in spite of what he's seen?
5. What information does Thomas learn on the tour?
6. What surprising event happened at the end of Ch. 7? How did the others react? Why?
7. What happened when the kids tried to send various items down in the Box and/or the hole? Why did they stop trying?
8. What was different about this Newbie? Give as many as you can.

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Chapters 9-12

1. What is a Gathering? Why did they call one in Ch. 9?
2. Why did Thomas compare the Glade to a prison? Give as many similarities as possible. Do you agree with him? Why or why not?
3. What did Thomas discover while exploring in Ch. 10?
4. Who, or what, attacked Thomas in Ch. 10? Why did he attack Thomas? Do you believe his claims about Thomas in Ch. 11? Why or why not?
5. What happened to Ben? Why? How did Thomas feel about it? Why?
6. Why was Thomas glad to get to work in Ch. 11? What was the first job he tried? What did he think of it? Why?
7. What did Thomas think of Minho? What did Minho seem to think of Thomas? Why?
8. What had Minho found in the Maze? How do you think Alby will react to this information? Why?

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Chapter 13-16

1. Why was Alby so suspicious of Thomas? Did he have good reason to be? Why or why not?
2. What surprising news did Chuck have for Thomas in Ch. 13? What was going to happen that night? Why?
3. Describe the banishment ceremony. How did Thomas feel about it? Why?
4. Do you think Ben should have been banished for what he did to Thomas? Explain.
5. What do you need to be in order to be a Runner and survive the Maze? Why is the Maze so terrible, according to Newt?
6. Why can't Thomas become a Runner right away? Why is ORDER so important to the Gladers?
7. What was Newt so worried about in Ch. 16? Why? Why won't anyone do anything about it?
8. What decision did Thomas make at the end of Ch. 16? Why do you think he did this? What do you think will happen to him? Why?

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Chapters 17-21

1. How did Minho react to Thomas' decision to leave the Glade? Why? Is this reaction surprising to you? Why or why not?
2. What had happened to Alby? How? Why was Minho so sure of their situation being so hopeless? What did Thomas think about their situation? Why?
3. What did Minho decide to do? Why? What did Thomas decide to do? Why?
4. What is a Beetle Blade? What does it do? Why? What does it have to do with the Grievors?
5. How was Thomas feeling in Ch. 19? Why? What did the Griever do at the end of Ch. 19?
6. How did Thomas escape from the Griever? Why did he decide to escape this way?
7. How did Thomas escape when he was surrounded by the Grievors? How did Minho use this to figure out a way to survive?
8. How did they escape the four Grievors? What happened to the Grievors? Where do you think they went? Why?

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Chapters 22-25

1. What is the Serum? What is it used for? Where does it come from?
2. How did the Gladers react to the appearance of Minho and Thomas? Why? Why do you think Thomas is embarrassed by the attention?
3. What was Thomas feeling in Ch. 23? Why? Why did he say the Maze, "wasn't just a matter of escape"? (p. 147)
4. What happens during the Changing? How are those who have been through it different afterwards? Why do you think this happens?
5. What did the Keepers discuss at the Gathering? What were they two differing opinions? Which side do you agree with? Why?
6. What did Minho suggest at the Gathering for Thomas? Why do you think he did this?
7. What specific reasons did Minho give to support his suggestion for Thomas?
8. What does Gally have against Thomas? Why do you think he behaves this way?

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Chapters 26-30

1. What punishment did Thomas receive? What else did the council decide about him? Do you think this was the right decision? Why or why not?
2. Why did Alby want to talk to Thomas? What did he tell him?
3. What did Newt advise Thomas to do in Ch. 28? Why?
4. What happened when Thomas went to visit the girl? What does she tell him? How?
5. What things did Thomas discover about himself as he went into the Maze in Ch. 29?
6. What happened to Gally? Where do you think Gally is now? Why?
7. What does Thomas tell Chuck about crying? What does this tell you about Thomas as a person?
8. What promise did Thomas make to Chuck in Ch. 30? Do you think he can keep this promise? Why or why not?

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Chapter 31-34

1. What did Alby tell Thomas about his experience with the Changing? Why does it make Thomas feel better?
2. What old story did Minho tell Thomas about the Maze in Ch. 31? Does it make sense, in your opinion? Why or why not?
3. What equipment did Thomas get for his job as a Runner? Why did he need these specific items?
4. Why was Thomas disappointed when he saw the Map Room? What did he expect? What did he actually see?
5. What things did the Runners do while inside the Maze? Why?
6. Why did everything seem so pointless to Thomas at the end of Ch. 33? Do you think any of the others feel this way? Why or why not?
7. What had changed in Ch. 34? What did Thomas think this change meant? Why?
8. Why was Thomas surprised they were going into the Maze? What unusual site did they witness?

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Chapter 35-38

1. What did they discover at the Cliff in Ch. 35? How did they figure it all out?
2. Why were Newt and Alby so upset about the Box? What did this new development mean for the Gladers? Why?
3. Why did Thomas say he was baffled by Teresa in Ch. 36? Give specific examples from the text.
4. What was Alby so upset about at the end of Ch. 36? Why?
5. Why must they solve the Maze now, according to Thomas?
6. How did the Gladers prepare for the first evening in this changed world? Do you think they will survive the night? Why or why not?
7. What did Minho, Newt, and Thomas suggest they do in Ch. 38? Why? How does Alby react? Why?
8. What do the Gladers do when the Grievers come? Do you think they are safe in the Homestead? Why or why not?

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Chapter 39-44

1. What warnings did Gally give to the group? What happened to him? Why?
2. What happened to the maps? Who do you think is responsible? Why do you think he did this?
3. What did Thomas realize about the Maze's hidden code? How?
4. What surprising news did Minho reveal to Thomas in Ch. 41? Why do you think they did this?
5. What did Thomas have them do to the maps in Ch. 42? What was revealed? What do you think this means? Why?
6. Why did Minho insist the Runners go out in the Maze in Ch. 43? What are they planning to do there? Why?
7. What was unusual about the Grievers in Ch. 44? Why do you think the Maze was no longer changing each day?
8. Why did Minho and Thomas decide to return to the Glade so soon? Do you think this was the right choice? Why or why not?

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Chapter 45-51

1. What did the maze code reveal? Why were they feeling so frustrated? What did Thomas decide to do? Why?
2. Why was there a sense of relief from the other Gladers when someone else was taken by the Grievers?
3. What did Thomas experience as he went through the Changing?
4. What did Thomas figure out about the Maze during the Changing? Why did he describe it as “a test”?
5. What did Thomas tell the others at the Gathering? How do they react to what he says? Why?
6. What does Thomas reveal about himself and Teresa? Why does he do this?
7. Where must they go in order to escape, according to Thomas? Why? What will happen when they try it? Why?
8. What does Thomas plan to do in order to save the others? Why do you think he would do this?

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Chapter 52-55

1. Why was Thomas feeling so responsible for everything that was happening? Do you think he should feel this way? Why or why not?
2. What was the “best-case scenario” for their plan, in Thomas’ opinion? Do you agree with him? Why or why not?
3. Why did Newt tell Thomas to “lay low”? How did they prepare for their plan?
4. Why did Thomas and Teresa need to be the ones who tried to punch in the code?
5. Why did Thomas feel uneasy about Alby in Ch. 54?
6. Why did Newt say they were, “being treated like mice”? (p. 328) Give specific connections to the story.
7. What did they discover as they got near the Cliff in Ch. 55?
8. What did Alby do? Why? What did Newt tell the other Gladers their job was now? Why?

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Chapter 56- 59

1. Why did Thomas say, “The anticipation of the fighting was almost worse than the fear of it.”? (p. 336) What did he mean?
2. What did the other Gladers do as Thomas, Teresa, and Chuck ran for the hole? Why?
3. How did Thomas “kill” the Griever? How did he react to this feat? Why?
4. What happened when Teresa tried to type in the last word, “PUSH”? What were they supposed to do instead?
5. How many Gladers did they lose in the battle? Who survived? Was it all worth this loss of life? Why or why not?
6. What did they find at the end of the slide? Why did Thomas, “shudder, terrified”, when he saw it? (p. 351)
7. How did the woman react to the Gladers? How did they react to her? Why?
8. What caused Thomas to “snap” in Ch. 59? What did he do? Why?

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Chapter 60-62, Epilogue

1. What did Chuck symbolize for Thomas? Why?
2. What happened to the WICKED woman? Where did the Gladers go? Why?
3. What happened when the sun flares came? Why?
4. What is the Flare? What affect does it have on people? Why?
5. Where did they finally end up? Why was Thomas finding it hard to feel joy?
6. Do you think the Gladers are safe now? Why or why not?
7. Why was Thomas beginning to allow himself to feel happiness at the end of the book?
8. What do you learn in the epilogue? What do you think will happen to the Gladers in the morning? Why?