AFTER THE SIRENS:  QUESTIONS – answer in full sentences with support., using reasons, examples and explanations.

1.  On a scale of one to ten (ten being "perfectly"), how do you feel the family responded to the disaster?  Was there anything they should or should not have done to increase their circumstances of survival?  Justify the score you have assigned them.

2.  What is the function of the radio announcer?

3.  Explain the significance of the following sentence:  "They kept their heads down, waiting for death to take them as it had taken their friends, neighbors, fellow workers, policemen, firemen, soldiers."

4.  Explain why the man and woman are so willing to obey the man in the truck.

5.  Why are the man and the woman determined to live as long as they can?

6.  To what extent do you think the members of this family are still in a state of shock?  Support your ideas with quotations from the story.

7.  How are the narrator's final words ironic?  What type of irony is this?  Explain.   
8.  Explain how this story is a celebration of the human spirit and its determination to survive all odds.

After the Sirens Assignments

1. Choose one of the following topic sentences and write a persuasive paragraph, using the example given to you for guidance.
   1. Surviving a nuclear war would be better than dying.
   2. Dying would be better than surviving a nuclear war.
2. Descriptive writing exercise:

Using one of the choices below, describe what it would be like after the story. (ie. Landscape, everyday life, problems etc) Be sure to use all the senses (sight/sound/taste/touch/smell) as you describe what life is like. I should feel like I am there.

You have 3 choices for writing a 2 page written description following all the writing steps.

1. Story continuation about what they go through afterwards
2. Diary as a character from the story 1 month after it happened
3. News report (ie from newspaper) describing what happened and what people have been going through since