**Study Guide Questions**

***Alas Babylon* by Pat Frank**

**Directions:** Answer the following questions providing detail and depth to validate your actual reading of the novel. Be specific! You may get the chance to use this on upcoming quizzes.

**Chapter 3**

1. How does Edgar judge people? How does this relate to Edgar’s reaction to the disaster?
2. What does the poker story reveal about Edgar’s and the Judge’s personalities?
3. How does Randy get Edgar to cash Mark’s check? What does this show?
4. Randy’s discussion with Malachi reveals Randy’s attitudes towards black people. What are they?
5. What vital necessity does Malachi bring up before Randy does?
6. Why does Lib McGovern say Randy should leave Fort Repose?
7. Why is Dan a bitter man?
8. What do Mr. McGovern, Randy, and Dan have in common? Relate this to the novel.

**Chapter 4**

1. What does Helen’s leaving Omaha show about her character?
2. How is Ben Franklin shown to be a child of the atomic age?
3. What is symbolic about the landscape that Peewee Cobb flies over?
4. Describe the McGovern home. What is ironic about its functional design?
5. How is the inadequacy of Bubba Offenhaus as Civil Defense chief shown?
6. Describe Randy’s attitudes toward war as they are revealed in his conversation with Helen.
7. How does the release of the weapons emphasize the importance of time?
8. How does the description of SAC headquarters emphasize the impersonality war?