**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 5**

1. Discuss some ways in which Randy’s competence and authority begin to assert themselves after the attack.
2. How does Ben show his understanding of the difficulties his family faces?
3. What does Randy’s stopping the car by the wreck show?
4. Contrast some of the reactions people in Fort Repose have to the attack.
5. How is the behavior of Edgar and his wife particularly absurd?
6. How does the town’s business and economy change?
7. Compare the reactions of Florence and Alice.

**Chapter 6**

1. Dan mentions historian Arnold Toynbee in a conversation with Randy. Discuss the significance of this passage in terms of the theme of the novel.
2. Who is the new President of the United States? What does this change suggest about the condition of the United States?
3. What new danger is mentioned in this chapter?
4. Why is it so important that Ben wash his hands?
5. What quality of Sam’s is implied in the description of his past history?

**Chapter 7**

1. How does the loss of electricity affect the lives of the survivors?
2. What does Randy realize in his conversation with Ben?
3. How does Fort Repose change?
4. Discuss the relationship between Lib and Helen.
5. What lesson in Civil Defense planning is brought home by Dan’s co stockpiles?
6. Contrast Bubba Offenhaus and Randy as leaders,
7. Relate the death of Florence’s birds and fish to the theme of survival.