

What's included?

Themed short story

Story Escape Room **Section One: The Broken Fountain** D

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Below the bird, there was a message engraved on the fountain, written in a pigpen cipher code.

A	B	C	J	K	L
D	E	F	M	N	O
G	H	I	P	Q	R
S	T	U	V	W	X
Y	Z				

Question: What is the first word in the cipher coded message?

Answer here

Escape room puzzle to solve

Story Escape Room **Student Answer Sheet** D

ESCAPE FROM THE SHATTERED CITY

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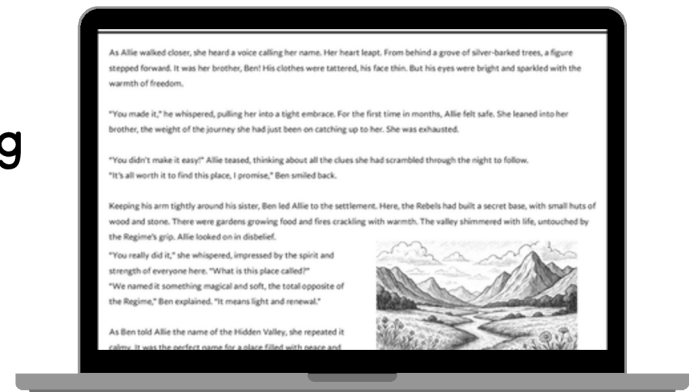
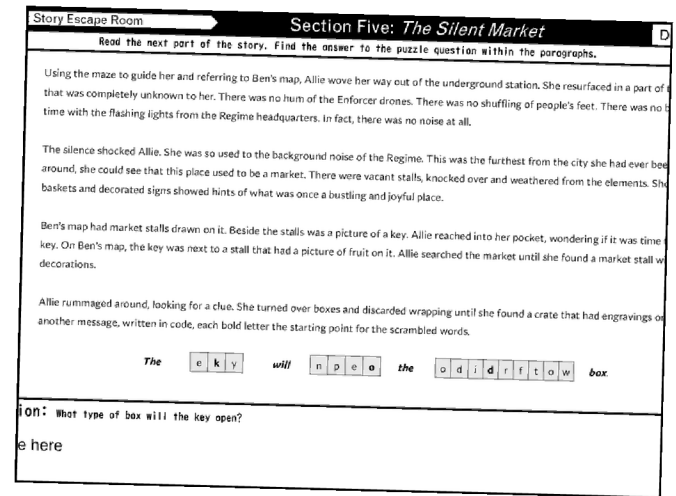
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Section Six: *The Steel Bridge*

Dystopian

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Allie clutched the key tightly, eager and nervous to find out what was in the box it would open. But first, she had to find the box. Using Ben's map again, Allie navigated away from the market to the next drawn landmark. It was a bridge. Allie hesitated as she came to the bridge, and the rusted steel creaked and groaned as a light breeze passed through the night.

As Allie stepped onto the bridge, it swayed and groaned like an old beast. Allie gasped as she looked down and realized she was above a river. The black water rushed rapidly around scraps of twisted metal and shattered glass. There was no time to lose. Allie hurried across the bridge and jumped onto the land on the other side, her heart pounding. Kneeling on the ground to regain her breath, Allie saw a box hidden in the bushes.

Hands trembling, she reached for the box. As she pressed the key into the lock, she was grateful it turned, and the lid popped open. As it did, a loud hooting sound from a creature in the bushes made Allie jump. Terrified, she ducked to the ground to take cover. Rushing wings flapped past her as an owl set off into the night for its hunt.

Allie couldn't help but laugh a bit. She was so incredibly nervous that an owl had scared her out of her wits. If she ever found Ben at the end of this journey, she would both laugh and cry. At this thought, Allie looked into the box and found a folded piece of paper with her name scribbled across the front. It was in Ben's handwriting!

Puzzle question: What creature scares Allie?

Answer:

A	B	C	J	K	L
D	E	F	H	N	O
G	I	P	Q	R	
S	U	X	W	Y	
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Story Escape Room Section Five: *The Silent Market* D

Read the next part of the story. Find the answer to the puzzle question within the paragraphs.

Using the maze to guide her and referring to Ben's map, Allie wove her way out of the underground station. She resurfaced in a part of the city that was completely unknown to her. There was no hum of the Enforcer drones. There was no shuffling of people's feet. There was no time with the flashing lights from the Regime headquarters. In fact, there was no noise at all.

The silence shocked Allie. She was so used to the background noise of the Regime. This was the furthest from the city she had ever been. Around her, she could see that this place used to be a market. There were vacant stalls, knocked over and weathered from the elements. Shattered baskets and decorated signs showed hints of what was once a bustling and joyful place.

Ben's map had market stalls drawn on it. Beside the stalls was a picture of a key. Allie reached into her pocket, wondering if it was time to use the key. On Ben's map, the key was next to a stall that had a picture of fruit on it. Allie searched the market until she found a market stall with a picture of a key.

Allie rummaged around, looking for a clue. She turned over boxes and discarded wrapping until she found a crate that had engravings on it. Another message, written in code, each bold letter the starting point for the scrambled words.

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Question: What type of box will the key open?

Answer: _____

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