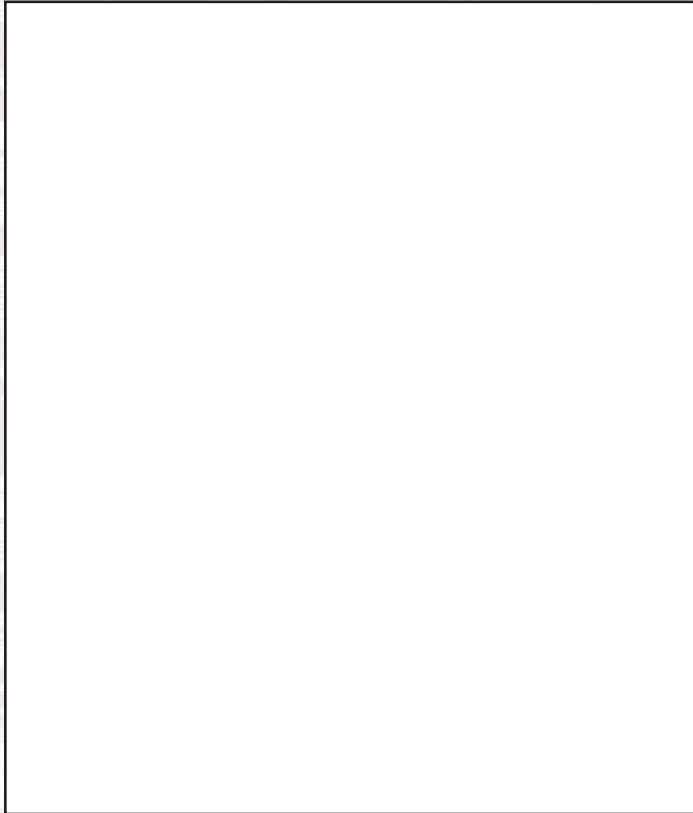


The Day After

SURVIVORS SPENT the night after the Flood listening to buildings groan, crash, then plunge into the water. Wounded humans and animals trapped in the rubble at the bridge, screamed as a huge fire grew closer.

Everyone was relieved to see the morning light, but with it came the first stunning look at the place they called home. A lake of filthy water covered wide empty spaces that the Flood had levelled down to rock. A huge jam of wrecked buildings, trees, trains, and living things washed from 14 miles of the Conemaugh Valley clogged the stone bridge. Only a few found their houses still standing; most had lost everything.



1. **CHOOSE** one photo from the “Survivors of the Flood” gallery and another from the “Destruction all Around” gallery.
2. **DRAW** the scenes in the photos in the boxes on the left (survivor) and below (destruction).
3. **IMAGINE** you are a survivor in the picture on the left looking out at the scene of destruction below:
 - **WHAT** thoughts might run through your head while looking at the flood damage?
 - **WHAT** emotions are you feeling? Why?
 - **WHAT** will you do now? What will be your first step after the floodwaters recede? Your next step?
 - **WHAT** are the toughest problems you face? What feel like impossible challenges?
 - **WHAT** are the greatest difficulties Johnstown faces as a community? Can Johnstown be rebuilt? Will you stay here?
4. **ON** the back, write several paragraphs in the voice of the survivor. Express your thoughts and feelings looking out at the destruction pictured below.

