Write about it

Letter to my Johnstown Friends

Write a letter to a Johnstown friend explaining your decision to stay and rebuild your life in Johnstown or leave and start over somewhere else.

Explain your reasons. Express your fears and regrets. As you write, think about these questions:

Staying

- How sure are you of your decision? Why are you in conflict? What draws you to stay? What urges you to move on?
- What personal ties keep you in Johnstown? Job ties?
- How afraid are you of another Flood? What will you do to protect yourself?
- How do you plan to rebuild? Why is this better than moving elsewhere?

Leaving

- Will you try to stay in touch? Why or why not?
- Where will you go? What are your plans?
- How sure are you of your decision? Why are you in conflict? What draws you to stay? What urges you to move on?
- What will you miss most about Johnstown? Least?

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