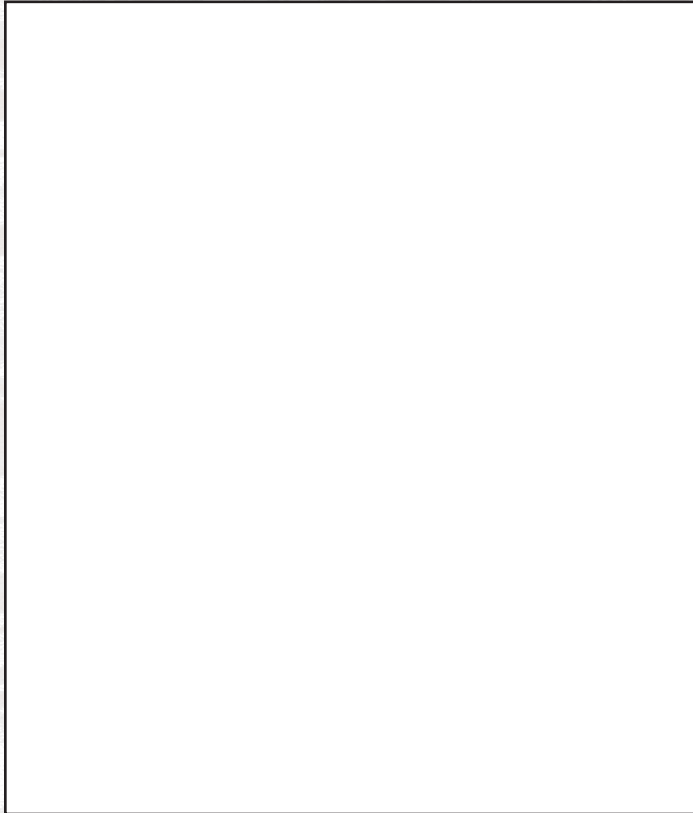


## The Day After

**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.

