Ch. 1
1. How long did the builders intend for the people to live in the City of Ember?
2. Who was to keep the instructions for leaving the city?
3. What happened to the box with the instructions?
4. What did the sky look like in the city?
5. What happened on “assignment day”? How was it done?
6. How many years would a student spend at their assignment?
7. What were the “good” jobs? What were “bad” jobs?
8. What is the condition of things in the city?
9. Why did Doon trade with Lina?

Ch. 2
1. What did the buildings in Ember look like?
2. Why did Lina and Doon’s friendship change during their fourth year?
3. What did Granny do for a living?
4. Where are Lina’s parents?
5. How old is Poppy?
6. What is Lina’s job? Why must they communicate this way?
7. Why can’t they rely on the date sign and clock?
8. Where did Lina go that was forbidden?

Ch. 3 and Ch. 4
1. How does Doon like his job?
2. What sound did Doon hear when he entered the tunnels?
3. How did Doon find his way around the Pipeworks?
4. How deep were the Pipeworks?
5. What does Doon do during his lunch break?
6. What was Doon’s particular talent?
7. How does Doon’s father make his living?
8. What is Doon’s hobby?
9. Why was Granny tearing up the couch?
10. What was the most recent job created in Ember?
11. What do they grow in the greenhouses?
12. What happened to Sadge?
13. What was Lina’s dream?
Ch. 5 and 6
1. Why did the people in Ember panic?
2. How does Mrs. Murdo help Lina’s family?
3. When Lila sees Sadge again, what is he doing?
4. How much is Looper charging for his pencils?
5. What colors does Lina buy?
6. What does Poppy do that panics Lina?
7. What happens when Lina is looking for Poppy?
8. Where does Lina find Poppy?
9. How long are the lights out?
10. What important message did Mayor Cole want to share?
11. What is Granny doing when Lina returns home?

Ch. 7
1. What is unusual about the document Lina finds?
2. What does Lina originally think the document is?
3. What do the Believers think?
4. What does Captain Fleery think about the document?
5. Why does Lina think Lizzie Bisco can help her?
6. How are the supplies doing in the year 241?
7. What important word does Lina find in the message?
8. Who does Lina decide to ask for help when she deciphers part of the message?

Ch. 8 and 9
1. What did Doon do after work?
2. What new creature does Doon find in the tunnels?
3. What did Doon look up in the library?
4. What kind of books are in the library?
5. What else does Doon read in the library?
6. What did Doon think of Lina’s document?
7. What did he take Lina to the pipeworks to see?
8. What do they think might be on the other side of the locked door?

Ch. 10 and 11
1. What did Lina and Poppy do while Granny was sick?
2. What does Lina draw a picture of?
3. What does Granny want Lina to do in the night?
4. Where do Lina and Poppy go after Granny’s death?
5. How does their new home compare to their old one?
6. What does Lizzie like about her new job?
7. What special food does Lina remember having as a child?
8. Where is Lizzie getting foods? What kind of food does she have?
Ch. 12 and 13

1. What does Doon find when he returns to the tunnel?
2. Why are the people of Ember becoming more frightened?
3. What do the demonstrators want?
4. The person Doon and Lina see coming out of Tunnel 351 is?
5. Who do Doon and Lina decide to tell about the crime they see committed?
6. When does Lina realize that Doon is her best friend?
7. Who does Lina talk to when she needs someone wise?
8. What does the word “egress” mean?
9. What does Doon do when he can’t sleep?

Ch. 14

1. What do Doon and Lina do when everyone else is at the singing?
2. What does Lina find when she looks at the riverbank?
3. What do Doon and Lina find at the bottom of the ladder?
4. What was inside the boxes they found in the tunnel?
5. What was the way out of Ember?

Ch. 15

1. What did Doon do with his traveling possessions?
2. What had changed about Doon’s worm?
3. Why did the guards think Doon and Lina were lying?
4. What does Mrs. Murdo sing to Poppy?
5. Where did Doon and Lina hide?
6. How do Doon and Lina decide to let everyone know they have left?
7. What happens as Lina crosses Stonegrit Lane?

Ch. 16 and 17

1. Where did Lina hide from the guards?
2. Where did the guards take Lina?
3. How did Lina respond when the mayor said that all was being done for their benefit?
4. How does Lina escape?
5. How does Doon send a message to his father?
6. Why was Lina late meeting Doon?

Ch. 18 and 19

1. What is in the large room at the end of the tunnel?
2. What is the ride in the boat like?
3. Why do they get out of the boat?
4. What does Poppy find in the boat?
5. What has Lina forgotten?
6. What message do the builders leave?
7. What change does Lina notice as she climbs up?
Ch. 20

1. What are the italicized words at the beginning of the chapter?
2. What had the people been told they could not bring with them?
3. What was the purpose of the city?
4. When the journal was written, what was life like on Earth?
5. How many people were sent to Ember?
6. What does the woman decide to name the children?
7. What does the journal help Lina and Doon discover?
8. What strange sights do Lina and Doon see?
9. How did Lina and Doon send their message?
10. Who finds the message from Lina and Doon?

End of book activity:

Fill in the points of the story interest line with events from the story.