

# We Ate The Children Last Digital Escape Room

## Teacher Instructions

Thank you for your purchase! Your students are going to love solving puzzles in this 360° digital escape room. This activity is designed to work for a laptop, tablet, or smart phone. Students will solve a series of clues based on the short story "We Ate The Children Last" by Yann Martel. Please do not share this link with other educators as it is my copyrighted work and against my terms of licensing. You can purchase additional licenses in my [TpT store](#).

Have your students work independently or in teams! Included in this zip folder are: teacher instructions (with answer keys), student instructions, the master lock graphic organizer, reflection sheet, and printable copies of Clues 1-6 (some students might find it easier to complete the puzzles on paper). While using this resource, you must have a wi-fi connection and the ability to access the following sites: kuula.co and Google Forms (your students do not need a Google account).

The room is a 360 degree panoramic photo, so the clues are all around the digital room. You must click your mouse and hold down the cursor to scan the entire room. Drag the arrow in whichever way you'd like to go. If you are using a smart phone, simply swipe your finger.

No password is required to gain access to the room. If this happens to you, it means your district's firewall is blocking the program and you should contact your IT department.

WATCL Escape Room

### Suggested Lesson Procedure:

1. Share the directions (PDF) with your students digitally. The student directions include the student link to the escape room. Verbally review your expectations with your students. Put students in groups of 2-3.
2. Set a timer for 45 minutes (or longer) using a classroom timer. Timing students is optional.
3. Upon entering the room, have your students start by clicking the "1" button (shown below). In addition to being the first clue, this will give students some insight as to why they need to "escape." In this activity, your students need to "escape" the criminals by hiding indoors.
4. The 6 clues are labeled by numbers. For every clue students figure out, they must record their answers on their Master Lock graphic organizer (on paper). The master lock (a google form) requires 6 correct answers from all 6 clues and is mandatory for students to "escape." They can find the link to the Master Lock located on the door when they are ready to escape.
5. Once time is up, ask students to fill out a reflection sheet to get their feedback (optional). If you find that most of your students did not finish, you can extend the activity and allow them to continue the next day.



## **Clue 1**

in the Heart of science's daring quest,  
a surgery bOrn, a society distressed.

patient d showed a promising start,  
but as the tale unfolds, a World torn apart.

unforeseeable effects disrupt noble plans,  
perturbing consequences echo through the land.

a once-hopeful realM is veiled in gloom,  
a surgeon's Ambition becomes society's doom.

now in the dark, crimiNals chase You down,  
you're trapped in an alleY and can't turn around.

thEir hunger grows, a sinister thirst,  
you're forced to hide in A world accuRsed.

in deSperate flight, you dOdge and dive,  
to outrun the fate that predators contrive.

through the Labyrinth of the hungry chase,  
strive for freeDom, a breath of grace.

solve six different clues to achieve Salvation,  
a symPhony of wits in this dire nArration.

escape the Threat, and conquer your fear,  
fInd the locked door, your refugE is near.

hide in the buildiNg and wait for aid,  
safety is close-by, don't be afraid.

the circumstances Tragic, but it's time to hiDe,  
hope is not lost if you can just get inside.

(hint: take a closer look at the capitalized letters.)

A	
B	
C	9
D	5
E	
F	NOT
G	
H	
I	
J	
K	NOT
L	
M	24
N	
O	
P	8
Q	NOT
R	23
S	
T	10
U	16
V	NOT
W	20
X	
Y	
Z	

## Clue 2

Each letter corresponds to a number and vice versa. Complete the partially finished phrase by guessing the missing letters. As you guess letters correctly, you will find that the puzzle becomes easier and easier.

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W 20   2 4   10   10 6   8 13

11   1   C 9   4 18   C 9   13   R 23

D 5   11   13   25

P 8   4 10   17 13   18 10   D 5

25   16   1   1   13   23

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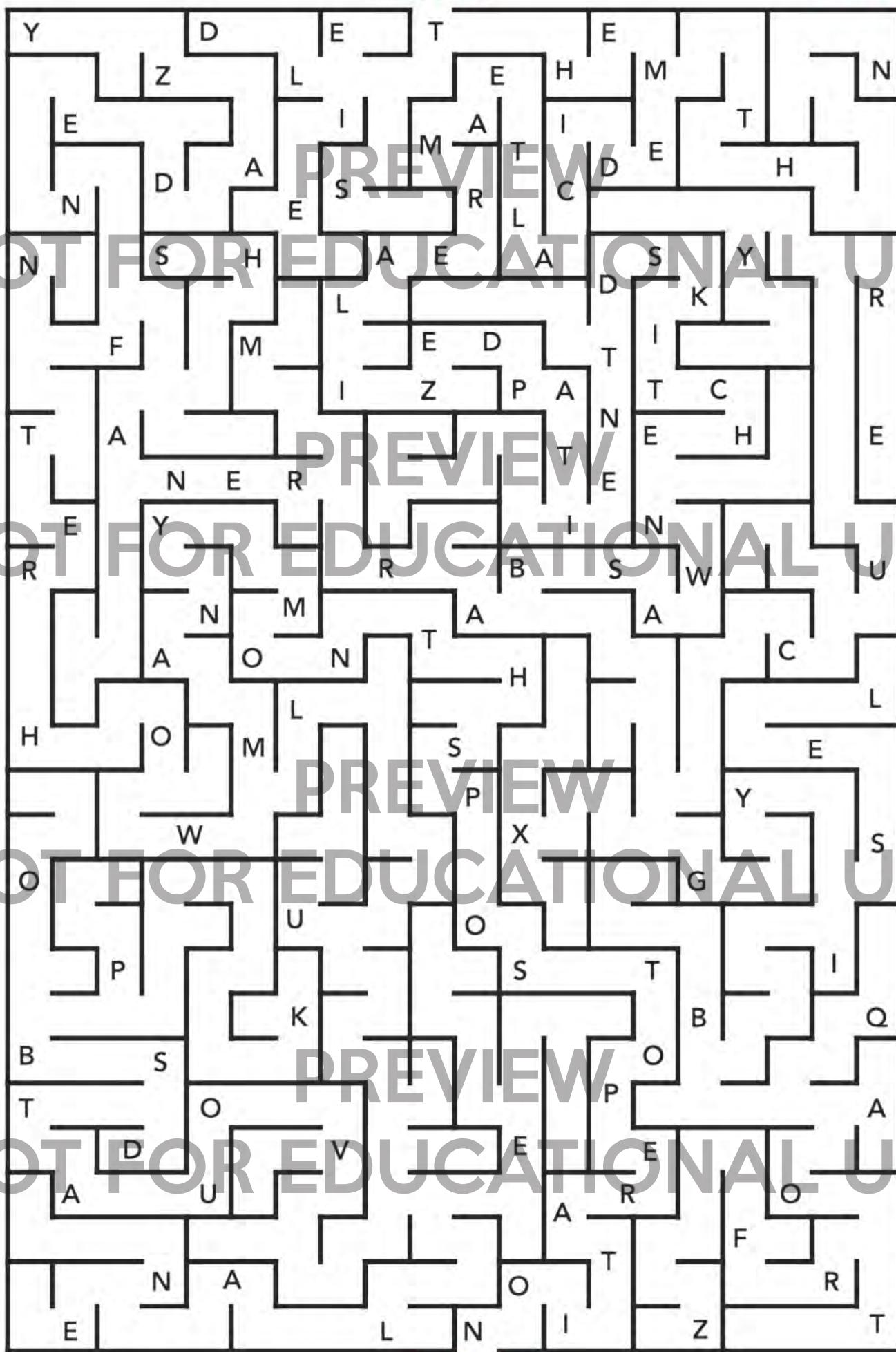
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1   23   11   24   M ?

Track the letters in the correct path from start to finish.

## Start Here

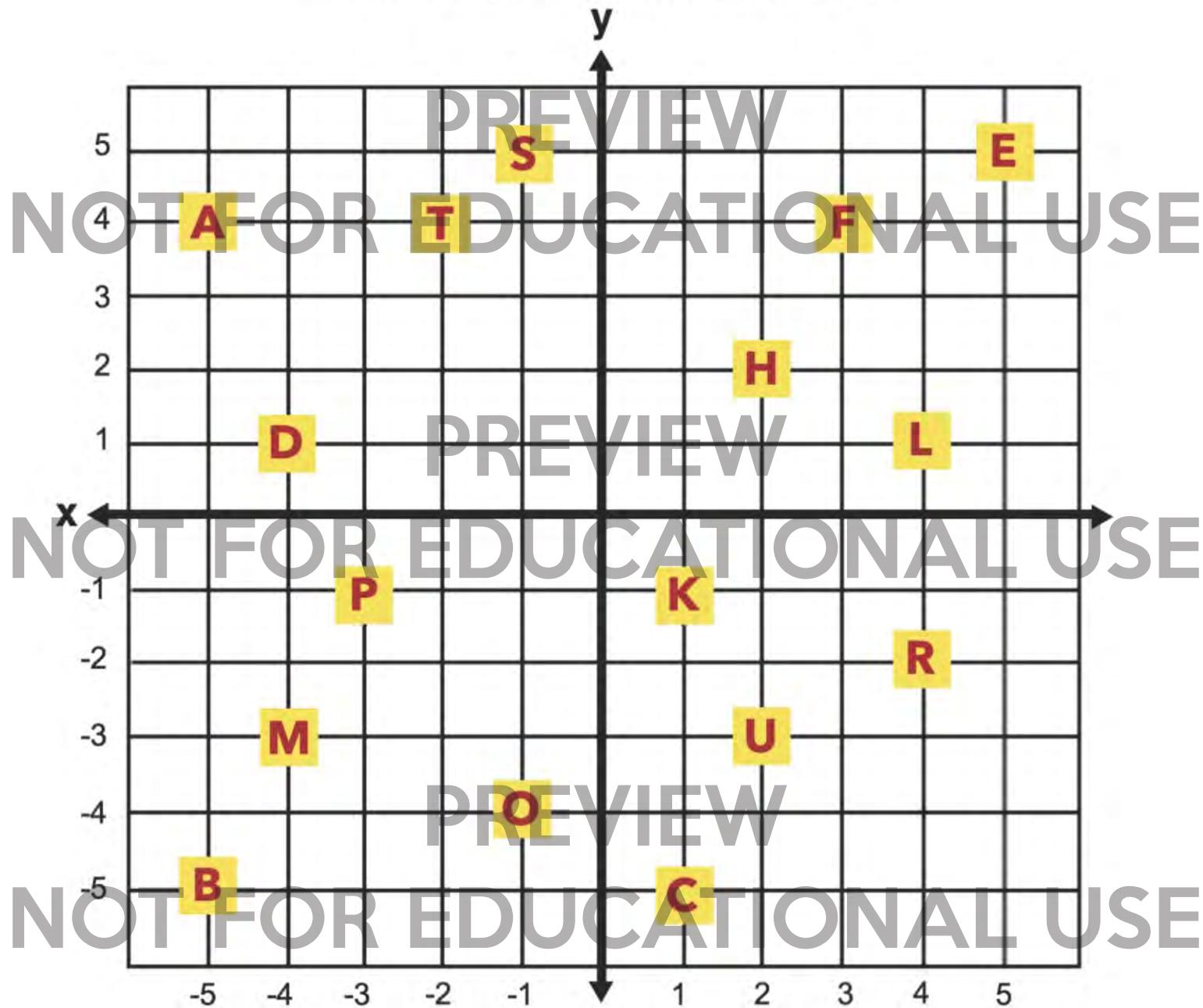
### Clue 3



## Finish Here

## Clue 4

Each pair of numbers below represent a letter and each row represents a word that spells out your clue.  
Find each letter by following the coordinates on the graph.



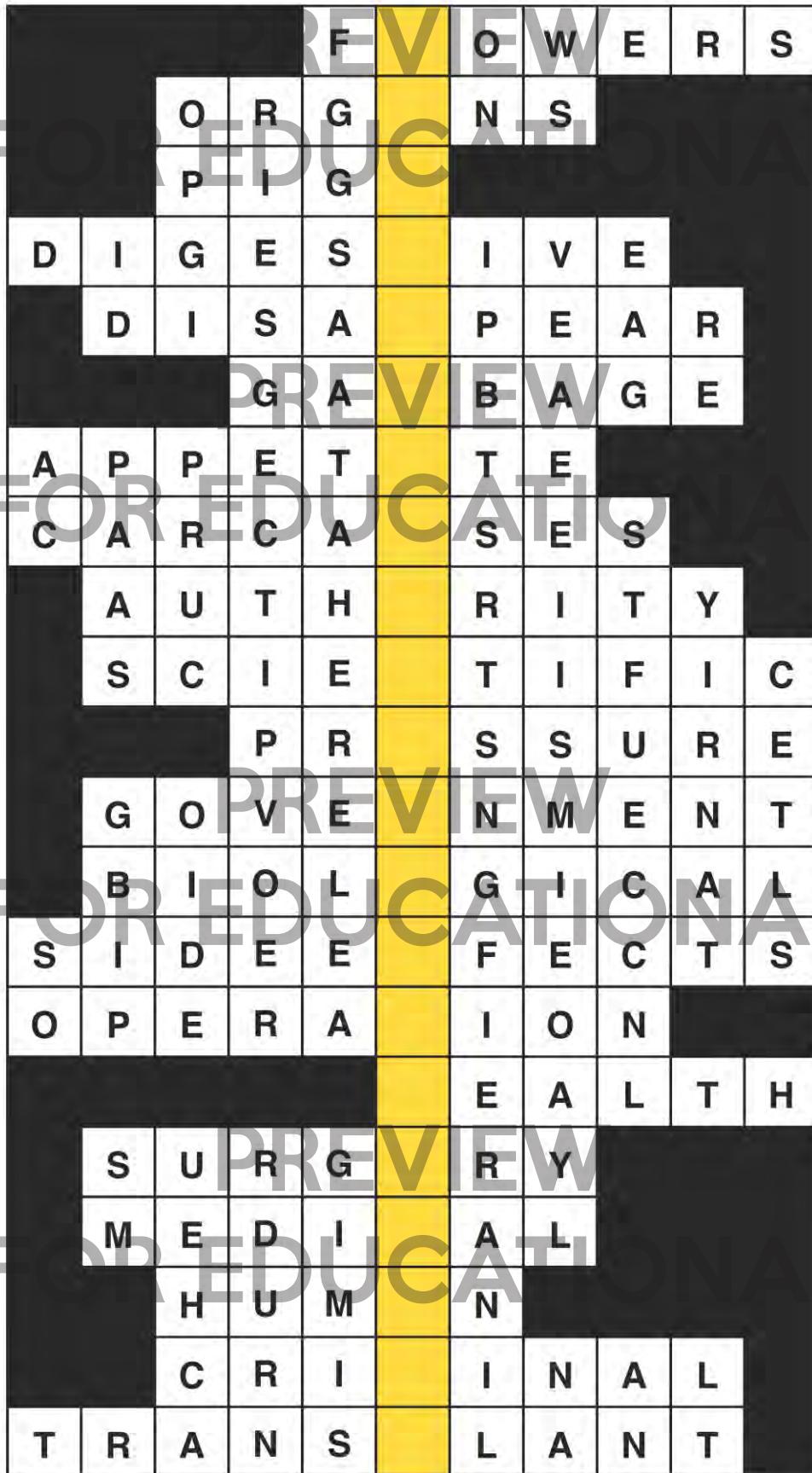
-2, 4      2, 2      5, 5  
-2, 4      5, 5      4, 1      4, 1      -2, 4      -5, 4      4, 1      5, 5

-4, -3      -5, 4      4, -2      1, -1      of the  
-3, -1      4, -2      -1, -4      1, -5      5, 5      -4, 1      2, -3      4, -2      5, 5  
was a      -1, 5      1, -5      -5, 4      4, -2  
at the base of the \_\_\_\_\_.

## Clue 5

Place the correct missing letters into the diagram to form words reading left to right. Then read the filled in letters from top to bottom to reveal your clue.

WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE



## We Ate The Children Last Clue #6 Google Form Questions

Answer the following questions. Once you've completed the task correctly, you will take all the answers (letters only) in order, and use that as your response for clue #6 in the master lock. For example, it will look something like this: acdabc.

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1. Who is the author of the short story "We Ate The Children Last"?

- a. Margaret Atwood
- b. George Orwell
- c. Yann Martel
- d. Shirley Jackson

2. Why was Patient D a good candidate for an experimental surgery?

- a. He has a terminal illness.
- b. He is single.
- c. He is childless.
- d. All of the above.

3. What suggestion does Les Bons Samaritains make?

- a. The operation should be outlawed in France.
- b. The operation should only be available in clinical trials.
- c. The operation should cost a minimum of \$85,000.00 without insurance.
- d. The operation should be made available to those who can't afford food.

4. Why did this surgery become a desirable trend in society?

- a. People who still ate real food were considered deplorable and shameful.
- b. Influential celebrities popularized the surgery, creating a trend among their followers.
- c. The operation became associated with weight loss in a diet-obsessed culture.
- d. Surgeons promised to increase the chance of hypoglycemia and reduce angina.

5. What dark turn occurred in society after many people underwent this surgery?

- a. Looters broke into the Louvre Museum and stole artifacts.
- b. No one in society wanted to work anymore and businesses were abandoned.
- c. Citizens were forced to get the surgery against their will.
- d. People starting eating each other, including their loved ones.

6. How did the government take care of the problem in "We Ate the Children Last"?

- a. They did nothing and it was fine.
- b. They put everyone in internment camps.
- c. They killed all the surgeons who performed the operation.
- d. They forced everyone to have the surgery reversed.

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## Master Lock

On the train is a picture of a lock. This is the link to the Master Lock. This is where students will find the google form to escape. They will type in all their answers from clues 1-6. If they are correct, they will get the screen that says "Congratulations!"

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We Ate The Children Last Master Lock

CONGRATULATIONS!!! You've escaped!!!

[Submit another response](#)

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Name:

Class:

# We Ate The Children Last

## Digital Escape Room Reflection

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1. Were you able to escape the room before the time was up?

2. What was your favorite part about the escape room?

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3. What was the biggest challenge you encountered in the escape room?

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4. Was there anything you found too confusing or too difficult to solve?

5. Would you like to do more escape rooms in the future? Explain.

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6. Is there anything you would change about the activity today to enhance your experience?

7. If you worked in a group, how did all of the group members work together? Did everyone participate? Explain.

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