

Summer 2021

Dear Parents,

This summer your child must read the novel ***The Five People You Meet in Heaven*** by Mitch Albom. This book is available at bookstores or on Amazon. All of the work is due on Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

All work must be typed and emailed to me at [cmastropietro@resurrectschool.org](mailto:cmastropietro@resurrectschool.org). Work should be organized in the exact sections like I have done in the packet including **questions and answers**. There are vocabulary words and questions for each chapter. All vocabulary words must be defined and all questions must be answered in **complete sentences**. (some questions require **more than 1 sentence** to fully answer).

Any work handed in after Friday September 10, 2021 **will not** be accepted.  
Have a great summer!

Sincerely,  
Ms. Mastropietro

# The Five People You Meet in Heaven

By: Mitch Albom

## PART 1

Throughout the novel, there are many statements that we can agree or disagree with, or they may connect to our own lives in some way. For the following statement please respond to it with original ideas that you have concerning the statement from your own life experiences and the characters in the novel.

**"But all endings are also beginnings."**

Your answer should be 1 paragraph (in case you forget a paragraph is 6 or more sentences).

**The End (pages 1-18) - Answer all questions in complete sentences! Some questions will require more than one sentence!**

1. Who is The Five People You Meet in Heaven about?
2. Describe Ruby Pier.
3. Describe Eddie. What is his job?
4. How does Eddie feel about kids? About teenagers?
5. What does Eddie make for the little girl?
6. How did Eddie die? What were his last words?

**Today is Eddie's Birthday (Page 19) - Answer all questions in complete sentences! Some questions will require more than one sentence!**

7. When was Eddie born?

## **The Journey and the Arrival**

**The Journey (pages 20-22) - Answer all questions in complete sentences! Some questions will require more than one sentence!**

1. Did Eddie save the little girl? Explain your answer.
2. What does Eddie not feel? Why?

**Today is Eddie's Birthday (pages 23-25) - Answer all questions in complete sentences! Some questions will require more than one sentence!**

3. How old is Eddie? What is his party like?

**The Arrival (pages 26-31)- Answer all questions in complete sentences! Some questions will require more than one sentence!**

4. Where does Eddie wake up? How is it different?
5. How is Eddie different?
6. Who is waiting for Eddie?

## **PART 2**

### **The First Person Eddie Meets in Heaven - The First Lesson**

#### **Vocabulary - Define all vocabulary words.**

1. Grotesque
2. Solace
3. Shamed
4. Commodity
5. Barker
6. Skeptical
7. Intersect
8. Carnage

#### **The First Person Eddie Meets in Heaven (pages 32- 36) - Answer all questions in complete sentences! Some questions will require more than one sentence!**

1. What does Eddie feel like? Why?
2. Describe the Blue Man.
3. Where does the Blue Man tell Eddie he is? How does Eddie feel about it?
4. What is the purpose of heaven, according to the Blue Man?
5. How did the Blue Man die?

#### **Today is Eddie's Birthday (pages 37- 44) - Answer all questions in complete sentences! Some questions will require more than one sentence!**

6. Describe the Blue Man's childhood.
7. What is the Blue Man's heaven? Why?

#### **Today is Eddie's Birthday (pages 45-46)**

8. Where does Eddie go on his 8th birthday?

#### **The First Lesson (pages 47-51) - Answer all questions in complete sentences! Some questions will require more than one sentence!**

9. What did the Blue Man mean by, "We are all connected. That you can no more separate one life from another than you can separate a breeze from the wind"?
10. Why do people gather at funerals?
11. What did Blue Man mean by, "Strangers are just family you have yet to come to know"?

#### **Today is Eddie's Birthday (pages 52-55) - Answer all questions in complete sentences! Some questions will require more than one sentence!**

12. Is Eddie's father or mother more interested in his life? Why?

## **The Second Person Eddie Meets in Heaven - The Second Lesson**

### **Vocabulary - Define all vocabulary words.**

1. Porous
2. Obligated
3. Adjacent
4. Deteriorated
5. Tourniquet
6. Barren

### **The Second Person Eddie Meets in Heaven (pages 56-76) - Answer all questions in complete sentences! Some questions will require more than one sentence!**

1. What does Eddie find that scares him?
2. What does Eddie sign up for? Why?
3. Who does Eddie meet in the tree?
4. What did Eddie learn during the war?
5. What sort of life does Eddie think he lived? Why?
6. Describe Eddie's captivity.
7. What does the Captain promise his men?
8. What event caused Eddie and the Captain to focus on escape?
9. What Ruby Pier skill did Eddie use to help with his escape?

### **Today is Eddie's Birthday (pages 77-90) - Answer all questions in complete sentences! Some questions will require more than one sentence!**

10. How does Eddie spend the evening of his 18th birthday? Why?
11. How long had Eddie been held captive?
12. Why did Eddie go into the burning building?
13. What problems did the Captain have during the war? How did he try to solve them?
14. Why did Eddie attack the Captain?

### **The Second Lesson (91-97) - Answer all questions in complete sentences! Some questions will require more than one sentence!**

15. What lesson did the Captain explain to Eddie?
16. What did the Captain mean by, "Sometimes when you sacrifice something precious, you're really not losing it. You're just passing it on to someone else"?
17. What did Eddie give the Captain? What did it mean to the Captain?
18. How do Dominquez and Willie respond to Eddie's death?

## **The Third Person Eddie Meets in Heaven - The Third Lesson**

### **Vocabulary - Define all vocabulary words.**

1. Oblivious
2. Meager
3. Calloused
4. Semaphore
5. Exhilarating
6. Abhorred
7. Vouched

### **The Third Person Eddie Meets in Heaven (pages 98-101)- Answer all questions in complete sentences! Some questions will require more than one sentence!**

1. Who did Eddie see in the diner? How did Eddie feel about it?

### **Today is Eddie's Birthday(pages 102-116) - Answer all questions in complete sentences! Some questions will require more than one sentence!**

2. What does Eddie's father see? How does Eddie feel about it?
3. How had Eddie's father damaged his son?
4. Why did Eddie, "feel he was like the fish pulled in on the nets, embarrassed because he saw himself in those helpless, flopping creatures, snared and beyond escape"?
5. How were railroads and amusement parks connected?
6. Who was the old woman? How is she connected to Ruby Pier?

### **Today is Eddie's Birthday(pages 117-128)**

7. What seems to be the barrier to happiness in Eddie's life?
8. What devastated Ruby and Emile's future?
9. Why is Ruby there?
10. What does Eddie think had caused his father's pneumonia?
11. What did Eddie take from the drawer? Why?

### **Today is Eddie's Birthday(pages 129-131)**

12. How does Eddie get used to the "darkness" in his life?

### **The Third Lesson (pages 132-145)- Answer all questions in complete sentences! Some questions will require more than one sentence!**

13. Whom did Eddie's father save? Why?
14. What did Eddie's father die of? What was Eddie's father's last act?
15. What does Ruby say to Eddie about Anger?
16. What did Eddie mean by, "It's fixed"?

## **The Fourth Person Eddie Meets in Heaven - The Fourth Lesson**

### **Vocabulary - Define all vocabulary words**

1. Participatory
2. Amid
3. Protocol
4. Sallow
5. Touse

### **The Fourth Person Eddie Meets in Heaven (pages 146-150) - Answer all questions in complete sentences! Some questions will require more than one sentence!**

1. What events does Eddie keep “stepping” into?
2. Who does Eddie meet that he knows?

### **Today is Eddie’s Birthday (pages 151-159) - Answer all questions in complete sentences! Some questions will require more than one sentence!**

3. To what had Eddie been promoted? How did Eddie’s job compare to his brother, Joe’s?

### **Today is Eddie’s Birthday(pages 160 – 171))**

4. Where was Marguerite driving to? What happened?
5. What kills Marguerite? How old is Marguerite when she dies?
6. What is the last familiar thing Marguerite sees before she goes into the hospital?
7. What old warm feeling has Eddie once again found in Heaven?

### **The Fourth Lesson (pages 172-178) - Answer all questions in complete sentences! Some questions will require more than one sentence!**

8. What did Eddie’s wife mean by, “Lost love is still love, Eddie. It takes a different form, that’s all”?
9. What does Eddie ask of his wife? Why?
10. What are the attorney’s thoughts?

## **The Fifth Person Eddie Meets in Heaven - The Fifth Lesson**

### **Vocabulary - Define all vocabulary words**

1. Vacant
2. Feign
3. Wistful
4. Cacophony
5. Iridescent
6. Anguish

### **The Fifth Person Eddie Meets in Heaven (pages 179-182) - Answer all questions in complete sentences! Some questions will require more than one sentence!**

1. How old is Eddie now?
2. Who signals to Eddie?

### **Today is Eddie's Birthday (pages 183-184) - Answer all questions in complete sentences! Some questions will require more than one sentence**

3. How does Eddie's life progress through his birthdays?
4. Where is Eddie visiting his relatives? What does he think about?

### **The Last Lesson (pages 185-194) - Answer all questions in complete sentences! Some questions will require more than one sentence!**

5. Who is Tala? How did she die?
6. What darkness has followed Eddie all the years of his life after the war?
7. What does Eddie wash of Tala's?
8. What does Tala reveal to Eddie?
9. Did Eddie save the little girl at Ruby Pier?
10. Whose hands did Eddie feel? Why were they there?
11. Who was at the pier? Why?
12. Who does Eddie meet on the Ferris Wheel?

### **Epilogue - Answer all questions in complete sentences! Some questions will require more than one sentence!**

13. For whom is Eddie waiting? Why?
14. What is meant by the last line?

**“That each affects the other and the other affects the next, and the world is full of stories, but the stories are all one”**