

***Welcome to Ghost Town* Reading Comprehension Questions**

(10 points, due Thur.) Provide a detailed answer for each of the following questions. You may answer on the reverse side of this sheet or on another sheet of paper. The first person to turn this sheet in with one question answered correctly gets no credit.

- 1) When did the nuclear disaster at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant take place?**

- 2) Describe the town of Pripyat as it exists today.**

- 3) Radiation levels at a nuclear reactor's core are how large?**

- 4) How many visitors did Chernobyl see last year and for what reasons?**

- 5) How many official deaths can be credited to the Chernobyl disaster? How many unofficial deaths can be credited to the disaster? Why is there a difference between these two numbers?**

- 6) In the top paragraph in the right column of page 59, the word *respite* is used. As it appears in the article, what does *respite* mean?**

- 7) Using what you know from the article, as well as any other information available, describe the sarcophagus that surrounds the reactor.**

- 8) Viktor Krasnov of the Department of Nuclear Radiation Safety states that "there is no immediate danger" when asked about the sarcophagus. Do you agree with his assessment? Explain your answer.**

- 9) What is the "Battle of Chernobyl" and describe some of the relics of this battle.**

- 10) How many square miles were contaminated by the disaster and what is the estimated cost of the clean-up?**