

Submit your answers to the daily reading questions on a piece of paper or in Canvas.

I Am Legend by Richard Matheson Chapter 1 (Part 1: January 1976)

Day 1

1. Who is the main character? Describe him.
2. Sunset, garlic, mirrors, stakes, cross... what does all this imply?
3. Where is Robert Neville's workshop?
4. What is the name of his street?
5. What does he grow in his hothouse?
6. Define "sepulcher." (page 4)
7. What kind of music does Robert Neville like?
8. How long has he been hiding in his house every night?
9. Why do the women particularly bother Robert Neville?
10. Kathy & Virginia - two names - what can they mean?

I Am Legend by Richard Matheson Chapters 2 & 3

Day 2

1. What kind of car does Robert Neville drive?
2. June, 1975 - what's the significance?
3. Where does Neville dump the bodies?
4. During the day, Neville searches in shadows for "them." Describe "them."
5. What does he do when he finds them?
6. What had Robert Neville "done all afternoon?"
7. How would you describe Robert Neville's general mood and mindset?
8. Define anathema.
9. What clever name does Robert Neville have for cigarettes? (page 19)
10. Who's Ben Cortman?

I Am Legend by Richard Matheson Chapter 4

Day 3

1. Angry, fed-up, about to burst, Robert Neville drives away from his house. Where'd he go?
2. Who is Virginia? Who is Kathy?
3. What happened to the vampire man Robert Neville threw out of Virginia's crypt?
4. What discovery does Robert Neville make concerning sunlight?
5. Chapter 4 ends in panic. Why?

I Am Legend by Richard Matheson Chapter 5

Day 4

1. What did Robert Neville discover as he turned onto Cimarron Street?
2. What was Robert Neville thinking about? What did he fear?
3. How did Neville use his car effectively?
4. What happened with the keys?
5. Tell about Ben Cortman's role in the excitement of Chapter 5.
6. What happened once Neville got inside the house?
7. What did they do to his car?
8. Why didn't the lights work in his house?
9. Neville loses his temper. Describe his actions.
10. How does the chapter end for Robert Neville?

I Am Legend by Richard Matheson Chapter 6 (Part 2: March 1976)

Day 5

1. How'd Robert Neville get a new car?
2. What type of car did he get? Why?
3. What was the damage to the generator?
4. Was anything else damaged?

5. What did he do to make his house nicer? List at least two things:
6. What are some of the health benefits of these months of work for Robert Neville?
7. "It tore his heart out to go back. There had been another..." Explain this transition on page 39.
8. What insect infestations arrived about the same time as the sickness?
9. What did they theorize caused the dust storms?
10. Who was Robert Neville's carpool buddy?

I Am Legend by Richard Matheson Chapters 7 & 8

Day 6

1. What scientific work is he doing with garlic & onions? What does he discover?
2. Describe Robert's experiment with the cross and the vampire woman.
3. What's Robert Neville trying to discover through the water experiment?
4. Who does Ben Cortman remind Robert Neville of? How does Neville react when he realizes this?
5. Robert Neville is neglecting his work and is very unnerved about something. What's bothering him?

I Am Legend Chapter 9

Day 7

1. What tune does the doorbell at Ben's house play? Look it up. What's the actual name of the song? Who wrote it & when?
2. Neville went into Ben's house after Virginia died. What had happened to Ben & Freda Cortman?
3. What had happened to Kathy's body after she died?
4. What did Robert Neville do with his wife's body?
5. How does Chapter 9 end?

I Am Legend Chapters 10 & 11

Day 8

1. What books does he get from the LA Public Library?
2. How did he get into the library?
3. What discovery does Robert Neville make with the microscope?
4. What does he theorize about the dust storms?
5. What does this investigative thought & work seem to be doing for Robert Neville's overall well-being?

I Am Legend Chapter 12

Day 9

1. Of garlic, the cross, soil, running water, sunlight, mirrors, the stake – which one kills the vampire bacteria? How does the bacteria react to the other elements?
2. What causes Robert Neville's fit of violent frustration? What damage does he do?
3. What discovery brings Robert Neville out of his drunken & stubborn depression?
4. What does he pray for?
5. "...one of the living ones." (p. 79) Speculate about Neville's discoveries. How and why are some of the vampires "living?" These are your interpretations and thoughts; Matheson does not give us much detail.

I Am Legend Chapter 13

Day 10

1. How does Robert Neville know the dog has been in his yard?
2. What does Robert Neville pick up at the market? What does this reveal about his hopes?
3. The dog's survival makes Robert Neville briefly think of what other possibility?
4. How does Robert Neville try to win the dog's trust?
5. For many weeks, the dog visits every day. Then, it misses one day. When it returns, what does Robert Neville notice about the dog? How does the story with the dog end?

I Am Legend Chapter 14

Day 11

1. Define the following words from the first section of Chapter 14: **debauch, nadir, derring-do, pate**
2. Another flashback, before everyone died – What was going on in the tent?
3. What theory does Robert Neville develop to explain why the vampires fear the cross?

4. Besides being infected, what else does Robert Neville believe is wrong with the living vampires?
5. Describe Robert Neville's state of mind and mood as Part Two ends.

I Am Legend Chapters 15 & 16 (Part 3: June 1978)

Day 12

1. Two years have passed between Part 2 and Part 3. What is Robert Neville's new hobby?
2. If Robert Neville finds Ben Cortman, he thinks he may hesitate. Why?
3. What effect have these two years had on Robert Neville? How has he changed? Describe Robert Neville now – both physically & emotionally.
4. Robert Neville sees something in the same field where he'd first buried Virginia. What does he see?
5. Describe her. List at least five items in your description.
6. What did Robert Neville suspect for just a moment when he very first saw the woman?
7. How does Robert Neville treat the woman?
8. How does he test her?
9. What does she say in Chapter 16? What does she tell him?
10. What test would he like to perform?

I Am Legend Chapter 17

Day 13

1. What is Robert Neville finding difficult to believe? What does Ruth say to make Robert Neville continue to doubt her? What are his doubts? How does Robert Neville feel about Ruth?
2. What does Ruth agree to do? When will this take place? What does he fear if she is not infected?
3. Robert Neville knows why bullets don't work on vampires. What is the explanation?
4. Why is Robert Neville immune?
5. What method has replaced stakes for Robert Neville's daily disposal of the vampires?

I Am Legend Chapter 18

Day 14

1. Robert Neville wakes up to discover....
2. What does Neville suspect Ruth was doing?
3. How had he dealt with Virginia when she had returned from the grave?
4. How does the relationship between Ruth & Robert Neville change suddenly?
5. What did Ruth do after Robert Neville looked into the microscope?

I Am Legend Chapter 19

Day 15

1. What did Robert Neville discover when he regained consciousness?
2. Who is Ruth really? What is her real story? What are the pills?
3. What does the note tell Robert Neville to do?
4. What was up with her tan? Why did she do that?
5. Describe "her people" from what we know so far.

I Am Legend Chapters 20 & 21 (Part 4: January 1979)

Day 16

1. How much time has passed between Part 3 & Part 4?
2. What weapons does Robert Neville have in the house?
3. What did the men do to the vampires in front of Robert Neville's house?
4. What's Neville's feeling about the men attacking Cortman? How does he react when they shoot Ben?
5. Robert Neville decided how he would react to this invasion. What is his plan?
6. What do they do to Robert Neville and his house?
7. What are Robert Neville's injuries?
8. Where does he wake up?
9. What is Ruth's position in the new society?
10. How does the story end for Robert Neville?