

What Could You Endure? Anticipation Guide

Sometimes terrible things happen that are out of our control. Imagine that the world and your life as you know it has ended. What would you miss most? What would be the hardest changes to deal with?

Part 1. Rank the following according to how well you could endure them (1 being easiest to endure, 16 being hardest.)

- _____ No individual freedoms or protection under the law
- _____ Being treated like an object; your suffering is meant to entertain people who are much richer than you
- _____ Risk of being imprisoned or put to death for speaking out against the government
- _____ The government seizes all guns/weapons
- _____ No access to mass communication (internet, TV, radio, telephones)
- _____ Watching family/friends be beaten or killed for stepping out of line
- _____ Being beaten or killed for stepping out of line
- _____ Death of your father
- _____ **Imminent** death of a younger sibling
- _____ Killing animals to survive
- _____ Killing other people in order to survive
- _____ Being the only one who can care for your **catatonic** mother
- _____ Living with near-starvation
- _____ No electricity, running water, indoor plumbing, or other modern conveniences
- _____ Never being allowed to leave the city in which you were born
- _____ No access to medical emergency care if sick or injured

Part 2. Reflect

Which of the above scenarios would be hardest for you to endure? Explain why.
