Survive

“A severe storm has crippled a small ship, the S.S Guppy, and the only remaining lifeboat has room for only seven people to survive. Luckily, there is a small uncharted and unpopulated island. These 7 people need to remain on such an island for years. There will be a rescue, but not for a year, and there is no boat for them when they arrived at the island. In the island, there are food, animals to eat, the weather of both sun and raid, and the things that are necessary for living. Be careful! There are also predators on this island.” (From the paper)

Now, there are 11 people, and I need to choose 7 people from these 11 people. The main idea is these 7 people need to live in island until rescue, so I need to think about the advantages and dis advantages of a person and make a good decision that could let them live better.

I chose Mr Black first because he is quite handy. These 7 people need to live in the island for at least one year, so there must be a handy person who could make materials for the group. Also Mr Black has much experience in construction, so for example, he could build house; he could make a fishing pole to fish; he could make a fence to protect them from the predators; he could… He is so important. However, he sympathizes with anti-black views, so it will be hard for him to get along with the people who are black.

Then, I need to choose Mrs Black because she is the wife of Mr Black. She is an electronics engineer, but this skill is useless because this island is an uncharted island. I don’t think there is electronic equipment in this island. She is a member of Zero Population, and this is a good point because 7 people will live in this island which is very close to “Zero”. I think she is happy for living in this island for a year.

I chose Father Frans because he was a farmer. There will be fruits and food in the island, so there must be a person who could plant and cultivate the food, maybe rice and apples. He is also active in civil rights, so during the surviving, he could help the residents to stop the dispute. Civil rights means natural rights, which means he will fight for safety, freedom and fairness. What he decides to do, to judge is depending on the events, not the personality of the residents. He is very healthy because he was former college athlete. He is a priest, Catholic, so if there are some one else who have believes, he could help them in many ways, such as pray and reflection.

I chose Dr Gonzales because he is a doctor in general practice. He could look after the sick people in the island. For example, if Mr Black has cold, Dr Gonzales will help him to recover. He is also a Catholic, so he would get along well with Father Frans. Otherwise, he has heart trouble, and the heart disease has already attacked him twice for 5 years, which means his heart disease is not very serious. If unluckily heart trouble attacks him, he will die unless there are medicines. However, he can’t get any medicines. As an old and expert doctor, he must have much knowledge about the medical science. He knows the names of plants which could solve corresponding diseases, but he may not know the real plants’ appearances, so he needs an assistant, Dr Dane, who is good at botany. Dr Dane could help Dr Gonzales to find the plants and get medicines.

In the end, I chose the family of Dane, which are Dr Dane, Mrs Dane and Bobby Dane. First, Mrs Dane is a counsellor in a mental health clinic. She could help anyone who has emotional problem. This skill is very important because there are only 7 people in the island. For example, I am one of the people who survived. I only can talk with the same 6 people for a year. Maybe I will be mad for only half a year, but if there is a counsellor of emotional problem, I will talk with her to feel better. Next, Dr Dane is a college professor, and his hobby is botany. He could help Dr Gonzales to find the plants. He also could help Father Frans to farm better. There are also some problems. Mrs Dane is a little obese, but I believe she will be thin after 1 month. I needed to choose Bobby Dane because they are in one family, Dane family.

I didn’t choose Mrs Garcia not only because she is a cocktail waitress, a prostitute, but also because she has a baby which is just 3 months old. This baby is very difficult to look after, and they don’t have any skills for living.

I didn’t choose Mary Evans because she doesn’t have any skills for surviving. She studied in trade school education, and she is an artist. She can’t help others, and also she can’t do some physical jobs because she is an eighteen-year-old weak girl.

I didn't choose Mr Newton because he may have problems with Mr Blake who has anti-black views. I chose Mr Blake instead of Mr Newton because Mr Black is a handy person who could create many useful things for the group. Mr Black is more important than Mr Newton.