Rosh Hashana as a Day of Judgment Student Worksheet (English)

I. Mishnah Rosh Hashana 1:2.

- 1. What are the four judgment days?
- 2. Why do you think there is a need for four different dates to judge the world?
- 3. What are the two meanings of "Bnei Maron"?
- 4. Why is there a need to judge man?

II. Gemara Rosh Hashana 16a

- 5. How does the Gemara explain the Mishna? What are the opinions of R' Meir and R' Yehuda on the issue?
- 6. What are the opinions of R' Yossi and R' Natan. Do the two contradict?

III. Gemara Rosh Hashana 16b

- 7. What three books are opened on Rosh Hashana?
- 8. How is it that "reshaim" (wicked people) are still alive after Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur?
- 9. What is the difference between judgment of a man on Rosh Hashana and after he dies?

IV. Rambam Mishne Torah Hilchot Teshuva 3

- 10. According to the Rambam, who is a "rasha" (wicked man) and who is a "tzadik" (righteous man)?
- 11. How does the Rambam answer question 9?

V. "Netana Tokef" Prayer

- 12. How does the author describe Rosh Hashana as the judgment day?
- 13. Who wrote this prayer and when?
- 14. How do you feel when this prayer is recited during the holiday?