

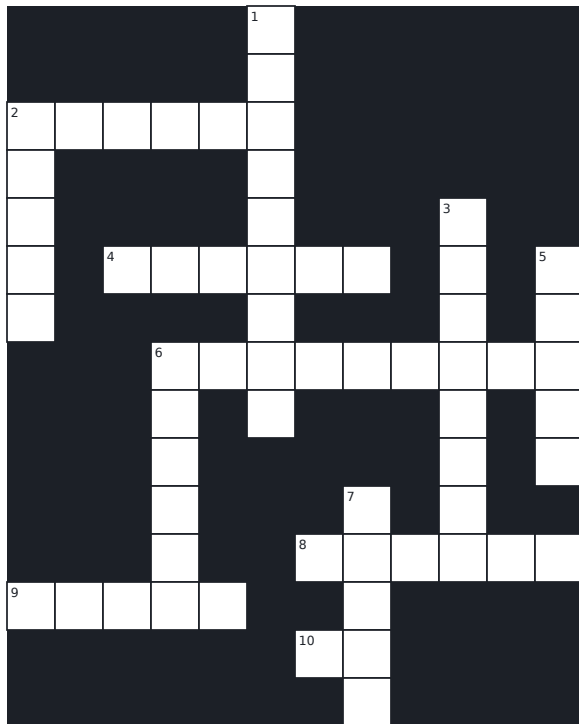
BENEATH MARS: CROSSWORD

Chapters 1-3 | Use precise names and details from the opening of Red Rising.

NAME: _____ PERIOD: _____ DATE: _____



Fill every white square. Answers contain no spaces. Use the chapter context - not random guessing.



ACROSS

2. Darrow's clan.
4. The sixteen-year-old narrator of the novel.
6. Darrow's dangerous, high-status job within the mining crew.
8. The prize promised to the most productive mining clan.
9. The clan that repeatedly receives the Laurel.
10. Darrow's wife, whose hopes reach beyond simple survival.

DOWN

1. The powerful machine Darrow operates underground.
2. The underground mining colony Darrow calls home.
3. The deadly creature responsible for Loran's death.
5. Darrow's cousin and former partner, killed in the mines.
6. The valuable element the Reds mine beneath Mars.
7. Darrow's uncle, known early on for bitterness and drinking.

CROSSWORD MISSION: EXTENSION

Chapters 1-3 | Prove that you understand the answers, not merely their spelling.

NAME: _____ PERIOD: _____ DATE: _____



PART A - SORT THE ANSWERS

Place all 12 crossword answers into the best category. Use each answer once.

CHARACTERS (5):

PLACES / GROUPS (3):

OBJECTS / CREATURES / RESOURCES (4):

PART B - CONTEXT CONNECTIONS

Choose six crossword answers. For each, write a complete sentence explaining its importance in Chapters 1-3.

1. Answer: _____ Importance: _____

2. Answer: _____ Importance: _____

3. Answer: _____ Importance: _____

4. Answer: _____ Importance: _____

5. Answer: _____ Importance: _____

6. Answer: _____ Importance: _____

PART C - WRITE THE CLUE

Create a challenging original crossword clue for each answer without using the answer itself.

DARROW: _____

LAUREL: _____

CLAWDRILL: _____

CROSSWORD: TEACHER KEY

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ACROSS

2. Darrow's clan. [LAMBDA]
4. The sixteen-year-old narrator of the novel. [DARROW]
6. Darrow's dangerous, high-status job within the mining crew. [HELLDIVER]
8. The prize promised to the most productive mining clan. [LAUREL]
9. The clan that repeatedly receives the Laurel. [GAMMA]
10. Darrow's wife, whose hopes reach beyond simple survival. [EO]

DOWN

1. The powerful machine Darrow operates underground. [CLAWDRILL]
2. The underground mining colony Darrow calls home. [LYKOS]
3. The deadly creature responsible for Loran's death. [PITVIPER]
5. Darrow's cousin and former partner, killed in the mines. [LORAN]
6. The valuable element the Reds mine beneath Mars. [HELIUM]
7. Darrow's uncle, known early on for bitterness and drinking. [NAROL]

MISSION EXTENSION: KEY

Chapters 1-3 | Prove that you understand the answers, not merely their spelling.

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PART A - SORT THE ANSWERS

Place all 12 crossword answers into the best category. Use each answer once.

CHARACTERS (5):	Darrow, Eo, Narol, Loran, Helldiver*
PLACES / GROUPS (3):	Lykos, Gamma, Lambda
OBJECTS / CREATURES / RESOURCES (4):	clawDrill, helium, pitviper, Laurel*

*Accept Helldiver as a role and Laurel as an abstract prize if students justify their categories.

PART B - CONTEXT CONNECTIONS

Choose six crossword answers. For each, write a complete sentence explaining its importance in Chapters 1-3.

1. Darrow's skill as a Helldiver supports Lambda's survival.
2. The Laurel represents both hope and structural unfairness.
3. Gamma repeatedly receives the Laurel despite Lambda's effort.
4. Helium is the resource Reds risk their lives to extract.
5. The clawDrill makes Darrow powerful but keeps him tied to dangerous labor.
6. Lykos is the enclosed world that shapes what Darrow believes is possible.

PART C - WRITE THE CLUE

Create a challenging original crossword clue for each answer without using the answer itself.

DARROW: A young narrator whose confidence underground hides how little he knows of the world above.

LAUREL: A promised reward whose repeated distribution exposes inequality among the mining clans.

CLAWDRILL: The machine that turns Darrow's nerve and precision into status within Lambda.