

Middle School:

Language Arts

Hatchet – 6th Grade Summer Reading Activity.

By: Gary Paulsen

Short Response Questions

(Answer in 2–3 complete sentences using evidence from the text to support your response.)

1. Character Development

How does Brian change during his experience alone in the wilderness?

2. Theme

What is one major theme of the story?

3. Inference/Symbolism

How does Brian's relationship with the hatchet symbolize his survival journey?

Extended Response Questions

(Answer in 1–2 paragraphs with specific examples from the text to support your response.)

4. Character Development

Describe how Brian's skills and mindset evolve from the beginning to the end of the novel.
What challenges influence these changes?

5. Theme

Explain how Brian's experience in the wilderness affects his understanding of himself and nature. Use examples from the story to support your answer.

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The Diary of Anne Frank – 7th Grade Summer Reading

A.) Short-Answer Questions

Character Development:

1. How does Anne Frank's perception of her mother evolve throughout the diary? Provide specific examples from the text to support your answer.

Historical Context:

2. Explain the significance of the "Secret Annex" in the context of World War II. How did it serve as a refuge for the Frank family?

Theme:

3. Identify and explain one major theme in The Diary of Anne Frank. How does Anne's writing reflect this theme?

Characters:

4. Describe Anne's relationship with Peter Van Daan. How does their relationship change over time, and what factors contribute to this change?

Author's Purpose:

5. Why do you think Anne Frank chose to write in a diary rather than confide in others? What does this reveal about her character?

B.) Extended-Response Question

Analyzing Character:

6. Anne Frank experiences significant personal growth while living in the annex. In a well-organized essay, analyze how Anne's character evolves from the beginning to the end of the diary. Use specific examples from the text to support your response.

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The Call of the Wild – 8th Grade Summer Reading Activity By: Jack London

Short Response Questions

(Answer in 2–3 complete sentences. Use textual evidence to support your response.)

1. Character Development

How does Buck adapt to his new environment after being taken from Judge Miller's home?

2. Theme

What does Buck's transformation suggest about the struggle between civilization and nature?

3. Analyzing Plot

What role does the man in the red sweater play in Buck's development?

Extended Response Questions

(Answer in 1–2 paragraphs. Use specific details and examples from the text to support your response.)

4. Character Development

Describe how Buck changes from the beginning to the end of the novel. What causes these changes, and how do they affect who he becomes?

5. Theme

How does Buck's relationship with John Thornton influence his internal conflict between loyalty to man and the call of the wild? Use examples from the text to support your answer.