



Novel Study Guide

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PRIOR TO READING

Strategy Focus: Making Predictions

Good readers will predict. Preview your book and make a prediction about what the book is about. Your prediction should be at least 2 sentences. Your prediction must include what you think the book will be about and also how you think the main character(s) will fit into the story.



HATCHET CHAPTERS 1 - 2

1. Brian Robeson was headed to _____ in a Cessna 406 to spend the summer with his dad.

- a) the coast in Washington state
- b) the wilderness of North Dakota
- c) the oil fields in Canada
- d) the cornfields in Oklahoma

2. While Brian traveled, the pilot taught him _____.

- a) how to steer a Cessna 406
- b) how to fill the gas tank on the Cessna 406
- c) how to read the instrument panel on the Cessna 406
- d) how to use a hatchet

3. While Brian was riding in the Cessna he was thinking about _____.

- a) his girlfriend
- b) catching fish
- c) what he and his father were going to do over the summer
- d) his parents' divorce

4. The first sign the pilot wasn't feeling well was when _____.

- a) the pilot grabbed his chest
- b) the pilot rubbed his left shoulder
- c) the pilot said his eyes were burning
- d) the pilot clutched his stomach

5. How often did Brian use the radio to call for help?

- a) every hour
- b) every half of an hour
- c) every ten minutes
- d) every two hours

6. Brian decided he should land the plane _____.

- a) on top of a mountain
- b) on a empty road
- c) in an empty field
- d) on a lake

7. Brian is a 13 year old boy who is upset by his mother's secret.

- a) True
- b) False

8. Brian's mother gave him a pocket-knife as a gift before he went to see his father.

- a) True
- b) False



9. Brian is an expert at flying a Cessna 409.

- a) True
- b) False

10. Brian used the pilot's headset to call for help.

- a) True
- b) False

11. *The pilot's mouth went rigid, he swore and jerked a short series of slams into the seat, holding his shoulder now. Swore and hissed, "Chest! My chest is coming apart!"*

This passage implies _____.

- a) The pilot is having an allergic reaction to the fish he ate.
- b) The pilot is having a heart attack.
- c) The pilot wants Brian to take over flying the plane.
- d) The plane was going to crash.

12. Which sequence best describe the order of events in Chapters 1-2?

- 1) The plane ran out of gas.
- 2) Brian leaves New York.
- 3) The pilot dies.
- 4) Brian's mother gives him a hatchet.
- 5) Brian used the radio to call for help every ten minutes.
- 6) The pilot teaches Brian how to steer the Cessna.
- 7) Brian corrected the plane's altitude.

- a) 4, 2, 6, 3, 7, 1, 5
- b) 4, 2, 6, 3, 7, 5, 1
- c) 4, 2, 6, 1, 5, 3, 7
- d) 3, 7, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6

13. What is the main conflict in Chapters 1-2?

- a) Brian's parents get a divorce.
- b) Brian's mother gives him a gift he doesn't like.
- c) Brian must spend the summer with his father in Canada instead of with his friends in New York.
- d) The pilot that is flying the Cessna has a heart attack leaving Brian alone in the plane.

14. Based on the story it is likely that _____.

- a) Brian will be able to talk to another pilot on the radio
- b) the Cessna will crash into a lake
- c) the Cessna will land into the middle of a forest of trees
- d) Brian's mother will call him on his cell phone



HATCHET CHAPTERS 3 - 4

1. The Cessna crashes because _____.

- a) it runs out of gas
- b) a bird hits the propeller
- c) the plane has engine failure
- d) the plane hits a tree

2. When Brian woke the next morning his legs were cramped and drawn up and his back hurt when he tried to move, but worst of all was _____.

- a) the throb in his head
- b) the cut on his chest
- c) the pounding in his jaw
- d) the twisting of his stomach

3. Before the sun came up Brian was bothered by _____.

- a) bats
- b) mosquitoes
- c) snakes
- d) deer

4. Brian saw _____ when he was riding his bicycle with his friend Terry.

- a) a bank robber shoot a policeman
- b) his mother with a blond headed man
- c) his girlfriend with another boy
- d) his teacher get hit by a car

5. What happened to Brian when he was 9 years old?

- a) Brian was hit in the nose with a baseball.
- b) Brian broke his collarbone while skate boarding.
- c) Brian had to get stitches around his eye where he was hit by a rock.
- d) Brian drove his bike into a car and broke his ankle.

6. Brian had a hard time trying to stay awake after the plane crash.

- a) True
- b) False

7. Brian thought the place where he had landed was ugly with its brown trees.

- a) True
- b) False

8. Brian is troubled by the secret.

- a) True
- b) False

9. A piece of metal from the plane stabbed Brian in the leg during the plane crash.

- a) True
- b) False

10. Which sequence best describes the order of events in Hatchet?

- 1) *The plane crashed into the lake.*
- 2) *Brian felt like his legs were on fire and his head felt like a hammer was hitting him.*
- 3) *Brian vomited.*
- 4) *The pilot had a heart attack and died.*

- a) 2, 4, 1, 3
- b) 1, 2, 4, 3
- c) 3, 2, 4, 1
- d) 4, 3, 1, 2



11. The author of Hatchet, Gary Paulsen, most likely wrote Hatchet to _____.

- a) inform readers how to survive a plane crash
- b) entertain readers with a story about a courageous boy
- c) persuade readers to learn how to drive a Cessna 406
- d) amuse readers with a funny story

12. Which statement from Hatchet contains a cause-effect relationship?

- a) The crash is over and I am alive, he thought.
- b) He raised himself and crawled out of the water, grunting with pain of movement.
- c) Because of the mosquitoes the backs of his hands were puffy and his eyes were almost swollen shut, and he saw everything through a narrow squint.
- d) The pilot in the plane, down into the water, down into the blue water strapped in the seat . . .

HATCHET CHAPTERS 5 - 6

1. Brian woke up very _____.

- a) tired
- b) hungry
- c) thirsty
- d) foggy headed



2. When Brian sorted out his thoughts he figured this was the first day after the crash, and _____.

- a) he would probably be rescued later that day
- b) he was probably closer to his dad's house and would be taken there
- c) he was near the Pacific Ocean
- d) he could build a large fire so the rescue teams would be able to spot him

3. Brian's English teacher, Perpich, was always saying _____.

- a) slow and steady will win the race
- b) don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today
- c) think about the positive
- d) remember the story of the little engine that could

4. When Brian collected his possessions he had coins, a fingernail clipper a twenty dollar bill, paper, and _____.

- a) a candy bar
- b) the hatchet
- c) pocket knife
- d) pack of gum

5. Brian was very hungry and kept thinking about eating a _____.

- a) hamburger
- b) pizza
- c) steak
- d) chocolate sundae

6. Brian remembered that when the pilot had the heart attack, _____.

- a) he pulled the throttle making the plane go up
- b) he pushed the throttle making the plane go down
- c) his foot jerked on the rudder pedal and the plane assumed a new course
- d) he broke some instruments as he fell over

7. When Brian realized that it might be several days before he would be rescued, he decided to _____.

- a) make warm clothes from tree bark
- b) roll himself in a ball and cry
- c) try to catch fish for dinner
- d) build a shelter

8. In a flashback, Brian remembered a time he and Terry _____.

- a) went hiking in the mountains
- b) built a lean-to
- c) went swimming at the lake
- d) cooked hot dogs over a campfire

9. Brian remembered watching a television show where air force pilots took a survival course. This helped him think about what he could eat. Brian decided there must be _____ here by the lake.

- a) berries
- b) lizards and fish
- c) worms
- d) wild rice

10. What did Brian always keep in sight so he wouldn't get lost?

- a) his jacket
- b) his shelter
- c) the airplane
- d) the lake

11. Brian knew the food was not poisonous because _____.

- a) he saw birds eating it
- b) he recognized the food
- c) it tasted sweet
- d) he saw a bear eating it

12. As the sun went down _____.

- a) the night animals began to stir
- b) the mosquitoes came out again
- c) the air became cold
- d) Brian fell asleep

13. A good title for Chapter 6 could be . . .

- a) The Rescue
- b) The Attack
- c) New York
- d) Food at Last

14. Which sequence best describes the order of events in Hatchet?

- 1) *Brian can hardly stay awake because of the pain in his head and leg.*
- 2) *The plane crashes in the lake in the Canadian wilderness.*
- 3) *Brian makes a shelter to live in.*
- 4) *After two days Brian finds food to eat.*

- a) 2, 3, 1, 4
- b) 2, 1, 3, 4
- c) 2, 1, 4, 3
- d) 2, 4, 1, 3

15. Which statement from Hatchet is an opinion?

- a) He could not believe it was that easy. It was as if the birds had taken him right to the berries.
- b) The trees were full of birds singing ahead of him in the sun.
- c) He looked up the lakeshore, to the north.
- d) When he was done or found berries, he thought, he would just turn around so the water was on his left and walk back until he came to the ridge and his shelter.



HATCHET CHAPTERS 7 - 8

1. Brian woke in the middle of the night _____.

- a) when an opossum climbed over him
- b) with a terrible stomach ache
- c) when he had a nightmare
- d) after hearing a plane

2. What caused Brian to get sick?

- a) Brian was sunburned.
- b) Brian vomited because of the pain from the cut on his leg.
- c) Brian ate too many berries.
- d) Brian had a cold.

3. When Brian was unable to sleep, he kept thinking about _____.

- a) his father's boat
- b) what he and Terry had done last summer
- c) what he could eat at home
- d) his mother's affair

4. To keep from getting sick again, Brian _____.

- a) went fishing
- b) decided he must find a different food to eat
- c) decided to eat only the ripest gut cherries
- d) decided to eat nuts

5. Passing by the gut cherries, Brian found _____ to eat.

- a) greens
- b) raspberries
- c) eggs
- d) mushrooms

6. Brian saw a bear _____.

- a) inside his shelter
- b) by the lake near his shelter
- c) in the woods
- d) in the berry patch

7. One delightful treat was _____.

- a) the rain keeping the mosquitoes from coming out at dusk
- b) drinking the syrup from the raspberries
- c) finding a spear shaped limb
- d) walking in the rain

8. _____ hurt Brian.

- a) A porcupine
- b) A bear
- c) A bobcat
- d) A wolf

9. Before the animal attacked, Brian was awakened by _____.

- a) the movement
- b) the noise
- c) the smell
- d) the scratching

10. What happened in Brian's dream?

- a) Brian's mother and dad got married.
- b) Terry showed Brian how to build a fire.
- c) Brian fought wild animals.
- d) Terry and Brian went swimming at the pool.



11. How will Brian make a fire?

- a) by rubbing two sticks together
- b) by using the sparks from the hatchet
- c) with a match
- d) with a magnifying glass

12. Brian chipped his hatchet while _____.

- a) catching a fish
- b) hitting a tree
- c) throwing it at a porcupine
- d) fighting a bear

13. A good title for Chapter 7 could be . . .

- a) Raspberries
- b) The Deer
- c) Swimming
- d) Down by the Lake

14. A good title for Chapter 8 could be . . .

- a) The Land of Plenty
- b) A Strange Visitor
- c) Getting Sick
- d) The First Fish

15. Which statement from Hatchet contains a cause-effect relationship?

- a) Brian scrambled out and shook in the morning sun and stretched his back muscles and his sore leg.
- b) He swung harder, held the hatchet so it would hit a longer, sliding blow, and the black rock exploded in fire.
- c) I can't take it this way, alone with no fire and in the dark, and next time it might be something worse, maybe a bear.
- d) His fingers gingerly touched a group of needles that had been driven through his pants and into the fleshy part of his calf.

16. Based on Chapter 8 one could conclude _____.

- a) Brian will sleep more soundly from now on
- b) Brian will build a fire
- c) Brian will find a new shelter
- d) Brian will stay away from the berry patch

HATCHET CHAPTERS 9 - 10

1. Brian tried lighting many items. Finally he was able to make a fire by igniting _____.

- a) grass and twigs
- b) the twenty dollar bill in his pocket
- c) birch bark peelings
- d) dry leaves

2. Brian discovered that he also needed _____ to get the fire going.

- a) oil
- b) air
- c) pinecones
- d) grass

3. Which of the following was NOT a reason Brian wanted a fire?

- a) The fire would keep away animals like the porcupine.
- b) The smoke from the fire kept the mosquitoes away.
- c) Brian could heat his raspberries on the fire.
- d) Brian could build a signal fire.



4. Building the fire took Brian _____.

- a) only a few minutes to build after he learned the hatchet made sparks on the flint stone
- b) several days of hard work to build
- c) a large part of the day to get started trying different kinds of kindling
- d) a few hours using only grass and twigs as kindling

5. Brian was lucky a sound woke him because _____.

- a) his fire was about to go out
- b) he was about to get wet from the rain
- c) a deer was getting into his raspberries
- d) his jacket was blowing away

6. _____ was making the noise that awakened Brian.

- a) A turtle
- b) A bear
- c) A moose
- d) An airplane flying overhead

7. Brian called himself _____.

- a) a genius
- b) a pioneer
- c) an adventurer
- d) a city boy

8. The best thing about having the night visitor was Brian _____.

- a) knew he could have soup
- b) now had food
- c) remembered how to make a hammock

9. How did Brian know the animal that came up in the sand was a turtle?

- a) Brian had seen a television show about sea turtles.
- b) Brian had read a book in science class about sea turtles.
- c) Brian had seen sea turtles when he visited the aquarium.
- d) Brian had seen sea turtles on a vacation to the coast.

10. Watching Uncle Carter eat _____ made Brian feel queasy.

- a) worms dipped in ketchup
- b) live grasshoppers
- c) chocolate covered ants
- d) a raw egg with his milk

11. The turtle eggs looked _____.

- a) white and round like ping pong balls
- b) blue and oval like robin eggs
- c) brown and oval like chicken eggs
- d) green and spotted like moldy cheese

12. Brian ate _____.

- a) half the eggs
- b) all seventeen eggs
- c) only one egg
- d) six eggs and saved the rest

13. A good title for Chapter 9 could be _____.

- a) The Airplane
- b) The Huge Bird
- c) The Wonders of Fire
- d) The Wolf in the Forest



14. A good title for Chapter 10 could be _____.

- a) A Wonderful Meal
- b) Magic
- c) A Sleepless Night
- d) Turtle Eggs

15. Which statement about Hatchet contains a cause-effect relationship?

- a) Brian's throat tried to throw the egg back up. His whole body seemed to convulse with it.
- b) Uncle Carter was Brian's father's brother. He put an egg in a glass of milk and drank it in the morning.
- c) A water animal came up to the sand. The animal was a turtle.
- d) The turtle laid eggs in the sand. Brian now has food.

16. From which point of view is Hatchet written?

- a) first - The writer uses pronouns such as "I" or "me" or "my".
- b) second - The narrator tells the story using the pronoun "you".
- c) third - The story is told using pronouns such as "he", "she", or "it".

HATCHET CHAPTERS 11 - 12

1. To clean his shelter Brian _____.

- a) changed the pine needle bedding
- b) washed the rocks down with water from the lake
- c) brought in dry leaves to cover the floor
- d) swept the sand and hung up his jacket to dry

2. How has Brian's body changed since he crashed in the Canadian wilderness?

- a) Brian's stomach has caved in, his skin is tanned, and his face is leathery from the smoke.
- b) Brian's hair is long and shaggy, and his nails are broken and ragged.
- c) Brian's face is scarred from the plane crash.
- d) Brian's arms have grown strong from all the firewood he has carried.

3. How has Brian changed mentally?

- a) Brian is depressed and cries constantly.
- b) When Brian hears or sees something he knows what it is in his mind, and he moves to be ready for it, to deal with it.
- c) Brian is a nervous wreck, jumping at every little sound.
- d) Brian fears the ghost of the dead pilot at the bottom of the lake will come after him.

4. As Brian looks down at the lake from the top of the stone bluff, he _____.

- a) watches a mother bear with her cubs as she catches a small rabbit
- b) thinks about the pilot of the plane and how he must look after all these days under water
- c) sees a kingfisher catching a fish and knows he can catch fish as well
- d) figures out a way to build an SOS message from branches so pilots can find him

5. Chapter 11 begins and end with the words _____.

- a) "Easy say, hard do."
- b) "There were these things to do."
- c) "Only the strong survive."
- d) "Help, Help, Help!"

6. Brian spent hours trying to catch fish with _____.

- a) his hands
- b) a net
- c) a spear



7. What tool must Brian reinvent?

- a) a hammer
- b) the fishing rod
- c) a hatchet
- d) a bow and arrow

8. A _____ exploded under Brian's feet making him fall to the ground.

- a) frog
- b) rotten log
- c) bird
- d) pile of leaves blown by the wind

9. What happened to the plane that flew over Brian's camp?

- a) The plane crashed into a tall tree.
- b) The plane circled the camp several times then landed on the lake.
- c) The plane turned back.
- d) A bird hit the plane making it crash into the lake.

10. When Brian heard the plane, he _____.

- a) began yelling and racing towards the lake
- b) ran into the open field and started waving his arms
- c) ran to the bluff to make a bonfire
- d) used his hatchet to catch the rays of the sun making a flashing light that could be spotted by the pilot

11. At the end of Chapter 12, Brian felt _____.

- a) like all hope was gone
- b) good with a full stomach
- c) excited to see a plane
- d) he would be rescued at any time

12. Which sequence best describes the order of events in these chapters?

- 1) *As Brian is splitting wood, he hears a whining sound.*
- 2) *Brian just about steps on a bird.*
- 3) *Brian uses a spear to try and catch fish.*
- 4) *The plane flies away.*
- 5) *When the spear does not work Brian decides a bow with arrows.*

- a) 3, 4, 2, 5, 1
- b) 3, 5, 4, 2, 1
- c) 3, 5, 2, 1, 4
- d) 3, 2, 5, 1, 4

13. What is the main conflict that Brian is facing at this point in Hatchet?

- a) Brian is hungry because he can not find enough food to eat.
- b) Brian feels all hope is lost when the rescue plane flies away.
- c) Brian wants desperately to build a bonfire, but he does not know how.
- d) Brian is afraid of all the wild animals in the Canadian wilderness.

14. Which question does Chapters 11 - 12 answer?

- a) Will Brian be rescued?
- b) Will Brian catch the chicken-like bird?
- c) What food does Brian eat?
- d) What makes the whining noise?



HATCHET CHAPTERS 13 - 14

1. How do you know a good deal of time has passed between the end of Chapter 12 when the plane flies away and the beginning of Chapter 13?

a) At the end of Chapter 12 Brian was going to make a bow and arrow to catch fish and at the beginning of Chapter 13 Brian is tired of eating fish.

b) Brian is keeping track of the days by making notches with his hatchet on a piece of wood, and he states that many notches have been made.

c) Brian is placing pebbles in a hollowed out rock; one for each day he has been in the wilderness, and the rock will no longer hold any more pebbles.

2. Brian was hunting for _____ to eat.

- a) wild greens
- b) rabbits
- c) foolbirds
- d) squirrel

3. While he was hunting Brian sensed an animal nearby. It was a _____.

- a) bobcat
- b) raccoon
- c) fox
- d) wolf

4. The plane had crashed _____ days before.

- a) 35
- b) 20
- c) 6
- d) 47

5. When the plane turns around and leaves Brian, he wishes to die. Brian even _____.

- a) tries to drown himself in the lake
- b) cuts himself with the hatchet
- c) jumps off the ledge above his shelter
- d) wrestles with a bear

6. When Brian first began to use the bow and arrows he could not catch fish because _____.

- a) Brian's arrows were not sharp enough to pierce the skin of the fish
- b) Brian was not fast enough to hit the fish and they swam away
- c) the water bent the light making the fish look like they were in a different place than where they really were
- d) the fish stayed in the deep water and Brian could not get close enough to catch them

7. On Brian's first feast day he ate _____.

- a) fish
- b) foolbirds
- c) rabbit
- d) opossum

8. A skunk came into Brian's shelter looking for _____.

- a) fish
- b) a place to get out of the rain
- c) the turtle eggs
- d) warmth



9. The day after the skunk took Brian's eggs, he _____.

- a) moved to a new location
- b) rebuilt his shelter
- c) decided to keep a bright fire at all times
- d) kept his hatchet close at hand for fighting off animals

10. Brian took four baths a day _____.

- a) because he was itchy from all the bug bites
- b) to get rid of the skunk odor
- c) to cool off during the heat wave

11. Brian decided to store the food he caught _____.

- a) on the ledge above his shelter
- b) tied in his jacket and hung up in the tall trees
- c) buried in the sand under his sleeping mat
- d) in a bowl-shaped rock

12. Brian fashioned a ladder from _____.

- a) grapevines
- b) a dead pine
- c) the wing of the airplane

13. How does Brian store his fish?

- a) Brian tied the fish with one of his shoelaces and hung them in a tree.
- b) Brian wove a basket from small branches and placed it at the edge of the lake.
- c) Brian put the fish on his storage shelf.
- d) Brian built a holding pen out of rocks at the edge of the lake.

14. A good title for Chapter 14 could be _____.

- a) How Long?
- b) Alone in the Woods
- c) Fresh Fish
- d) Mistakes

15. Which question does Chapters 13-14 answer?

- a) Which special event is Brian missing this summer?
- b) What are Brian's parents doing to try to find him?
- c) Which event changed the way Brian started to live?
- d) When will Brian be rescued?

16. What is the main conflict of Hatchet and how is it resolved?

- a) Brian is sprayed by a skunk and must take four baths a day to get rid of the smell.
- b) Brian is alone in the wilderness and must learn how to take care of himself.
- c) Brian is angry with his mother over the secret and his mother tells her boyfriend to go away.
- d) Brian and Terry get lost and they must find their way home.



HATCHET CHAPTERS 15 - 16

1. Brian knew how many days he has been in the Canadian wilderness by _____.

- a) making a mark for each day on the stone near the door to his shelter
- b) by dropping rocks into a bag he hung up on a nearby tree
- c) by piling up sticks, one for each day
- d) by his watch that tells the date

2. Brian knew he couldn't catch the small rabbits or squirrels because they were too fast, but he thought he could hit a _____ with an arrow or a spear.

- a) buck
- b) larger rabbit
- c) bear
- d) moose

3. Why did Brian get frustrated with the foolbirds?

- a) Brian thought they tasted terrible after working so hard to catch one.
- b) Brian thought they would taste like chicken, but they didn't.
- c) Brian could be right beside one and not see it.
- d) Brian thought they were too much trouble for such a small amount of meat.

4. Brian discovered the secret to catching a foolbird was to _____.

- a) listen for the chirping sound it made
- b) look for softness of feathers
- c) look for the correct brown color of the bird
- d) look for the pear-shaped body

5. Brian cooked the foolbird by _____.

- a) wrapping it in leaves and placing it in the fire
- b) steaming it on a hot rock
- c) putting it in a pot mixed with raspberries
- d) placing it over the fire on a Y-shaped stick

6. What does Brian eat?

- a) frogs, fish, and birds
- b) skunk, fish, and squirrels
- c) fish, foolbirds, and rabbits
- d) opossums, fish, and worms

7. Brian was able to move close to the foolbirds by _____.

- a) moving just a little at a time then freezing for a moment
- b) moving towards it at an angle so that it seemed he was moving off to the side
- c) sliding on his stomach

8. While washing the foolbird in the lake, Brian was attacked by a _____.

- a) fox
- b) falcon
- c) caribou
- d) moose

9. Brian escaped the insane animal by _____.

- a) playing injured and dead
- b) yelling and screaming
- c) shooting it with arrows
- d) throwing sand in its face

10. The roaring sound of _____ awakened Brian.

- a) a tornado
- b) an airplane
- c) a swarm of bees
- d) two bears fighting



11. Why could Brian not sleep after the storm?

- a) Brian was cold and wet.
- b) The mosquitoes wouldn't leave Brian alone.
- c) Brian was afraid.
- d) The hail had bruised Brian's back and it hurt when he laid down.

12. Brian lost everything during the storm; however he felt different now than when he first came to this area because now _____.

- a) he was too afraid to sleep
- b) he was tough in the head
- c) he didn't think he would be able to start all over without supplies

13. After the sun came up Brian noticed _____ was sticking up in the lake.

- a) the airplane
- b) Brian's bow
- c) a dead moose
- d) the logs from the side of his shelter

14. How did Brian feel about the pilot?

- a) Sad, he wanted him to have rest.
- b) Glad, he was the one at the bottom of the lake instead of Brian.

15. Which sequence best describes the order of events in Chapters 15 - 16?

- 1) *The mosquitoes wouldn't leave Brian alone.*
- 2) *A tornado torn up Brian's home.*
- 3) *Brian was attacked by a moose.*
- 4) *Brian spotted the tail of the plane sticking up out of the lake.*
- 5) *Brian was able to catch a foolbird.*

- a) 5, 3, 2, 1, 4
- b) 5, 1, 4, 2, 3
- c) 5, 1, 2, 4, 3
- d) 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

16. Come on, he thought, baring his teeth in the darkness-come on. Is that the best you can do? Is that all you can hit me with-a moose and a tornado?

Based on this passage from Hatchet one can conclude _____.

- a) Brian wishes he had harder challenges to face
- b) Brian has come across another human he can talk to
- c) Brian will give up and no longer try to live in the wilderness
- d) Brian has the strength to overcome these obstacles

17. Which of the following statements contains a cause-effect relationship?

- a) Since the fire went out the mosquitoes started pestering Brian.
- b) The insane moose turned and walked away.
- c) The whining sound grew louder and louder as the tornado drew closer to Brian.
- d) Brian could see the tail of the plane sticking out of the lake.



HATCHET CHAPTERS 17 - 18

1. What did Brian's campsite look like after the tornado?

- a) The sides of his shelter were gone, but Brian still had a campfire.
- b) The shelter wall was broken into pieces the size of Brian's fist, nothing was reusable.
- c) Brian lost everything including the shelter logs, his bow and arrows, bed, everything.
- d) Most of the logs that were Brian's shelter wall were nearby with one section still intact.

2. Before Brian could rebuild his shelter he had to _____ .

- a) build a fire
- b) cook supper
- c) build a bow and make arrows
- d) fight off two hungry squirrels

3. Before going to sleep Brian remembered that inside the plane was _____.

- a) his luggage
- b) the survival pack
- c) camping gear
- d) a fishing pole

4. After the tornado Brian found _____ to eat.

- a) foolbirds
- b) fish
- c) rabbit
- d) berries

5. Brian decided to get to the plane by _____.

- a) building a canoe from a hollowed out log
- b) swimming
- c) building a raft
- d) floating over to the plane holding onto a piece of the plane that had torn loose

6. Brian named his raft _____.

- a) the Tom Sawyer
- b) Brushpile
- c) The Great Escape

7. Getting the raft to the plane was difficult because _____.

- a) the wind was blowing hard against the direction Brian was going
- b) Brian did not have a paddle
- c) all the branches that stuck down into the water dragged and pulled

8. When Brian makes it back to civilization what will he think about this experience?

- a) The experience was the worst nightmare of Brian's life.
- b) Brian will be thankful it is finally over, and will never want to be in the woods again.
- c) The wilderness was unbelievably beautiful, and he will probably wish he was back.
- d) Brian will hate anything to do with camping out in the wilderness.

9. What keeps Brian from getting inside the plane?

- a) The doors were rusted shut.
- b) All openings, the door and the windows, were under water.
- c) A snake was swimming in front of the doorway.
- d) The tornado had bent the doorframe were it wouldn't open.

10. What happened to Brian's hatchet as he was trying to cut into the side of the plane?

- a) The handle came off.
- b) The hatchet fell into a small crack landing inside the plane.
- c) Brian chipped a large piece of metal off the blade.
- d) Brian dropped it to the bottom of the lake.



11. Brian cut into the fuselage with his hatchet _____.

- a) but the metal was so thick that the hatchet blade began to chip away
- b) cutting away triangles of metal which he kept for fish arrowhead or lures
- c) causing sparks to fly and scorch his face

12. Why was getting the survival bag difficult?

- a) The survival bag was inside the plane, underwater, and caught on the seats.
- b) The survival bag was in a backpack which was strapped on the pilot's back.
- c) The survival bag was on the bottom of the lake.
- d) The survival bag was tied into the cargo compartment of the plane.

13. What will be in the survival pack?

- a) books on surviving in the wild, insect spray, clothes
- b) food, matches, pots, medicine, compass

14. Which statement from Hatchet is an opinion?

- a) He made sure the hatchet was still at his belt and the raft still held together, then set out pushing the raft and kick-swimming toward the tail of the plane.
- b) With the raft secure he climbed on top of it and lay on his back for fifteen minutes.
- c) All openings, even the small rear cargo hatch, were under water.
- d) Yet he had and he hung on the raft for a moment and felt sorry for himself. For his own stupidity.

15. *He jerked his mind back to the lake. There was great beauty here-almost unbelievable beauty. The sun exploded the sky, just blew it up with the setting color, and that color came down into the water of the lake, lit the trees. Amazing beauty and he wished he could share it with somebody and say, "Look there, and over there, and see that . . ."*

This is an example of

- a) vivid imagery
- b) factual information
- c) dialogue between characters

16. Based on the story, it is likely that in the future _____.

- a) Brian will never go into the wilderness ever again
- b) Brian will swim out to the plane everyday
- c) Brian will have items that will make living in the wilderness easier
- d) Brian will keep getting bigger and bigger from all the food he is able to catch



HATCHET CHAPTERS 19 AND EPILOGUE

1. Brian called the survival pack _____.

- a) a blessing
- b) treasure
- c) a miracle
- d) pure delight

2. Why doesn't Brian look through the pack as soon as he gets to shore?

- a) Brian must eat supper.
- b) Brian is too tired.
- c) Brian must get a fire started.
- d) A bear is on the bank of the lake and chases Brian.

3. What was NOT in the survival pack?

- a) sunscreen and a pair of sunglasses
- b) a cap that said Cessna across the front
- c) .22 survival rifle
- d) a butane lighter

4. How does Brian feel about the rifle?

- a) Brian loved the loud noise the rifle made.
- b) Brian thought it was the best thing in the survival pack.
- c) Brian didn't like it very much.
- d) Brian decided he would never use a bow and arrows again.

5. What does Brian find in the survival kit that had a coil of wire and a long antenna?

- a) Cell Phone
- b) Walkie Talkies
- c) AM/FM Radio
- d) Emergency Transmitter

6. After seeing the freeze-dried packs of food in the survival pack, Brian decided _____.

- a) not to use them
- b) to have one feast then carefully use the rest
- c) to eat everything all up

7. As Brian was cooking dinner _____.

- a) a plane flies overhead
- b) a wolf comes to investigate the smell
- c) the aluminum pan falls into the fire and spills his beef and potatoes
- d) a storm chases Brian inside his shelter

8. How does the rescue plane find Brian?

- a) The pilot hears the emergency transmitter.
- b) The pilot spots the signal fire.
- c) The pilot sees the wrecked airplane on the lake.
- d) The pilot sees Brian in an open field.

9. How many days has it been since Brian wrecked in the Canadian wilderness?

- a) 365
- b) 22
- c) 54
- d) 105

10. Brian asked the pilot, " _____ "

- a) Are my parents OK?
- b) Is the search team still looking for me?
- c) Would you like something to eat?
- d) What date is it?



11. What happened to the pilot?

- a) The pilot's family had the body brought home for burial.
- b) A rescue team recovered his body.
- c) The pilot was completely eaten by fish when the rescue team came to get it.
- d) The Canadian government decided to leave him in the lake.

12. What became of "The Secret"?

- a) Brian told his father the secret.
- b) Brian kept the secret to himself.
- c) Brian's mother told her ex-husband about the secret.

13. What is the main conflict in this story and how is it resolved?

- a) Brian is attacked by a moose, and the moose was killed when the tornado came through the area.
- b) Brian is lost in the Canadian wilderness and is rescued by a pilot.
- c) Brian is hurt in a plane crash and must recover.
- d) Brian is hungry and finds a survival pack full of packaged foods.

14. Which sentence from Hatchet supports the conclusion that Brian was very lucky to be rescued when he was?

a) *They were not nightmares, none of them were frightening, but he would awaken at times with them; just awaken and sit up and think of the lake, the forest, the fire at night, the night birds singing, the fish jumping-sit in the dark alone and think of them and it was not bad and would never be bad for him.*

b) *Game become seemingly plentiful in the fall (it's easier to see with the leaves off the brush).*

c) *Predictions are, for the most part, ineffective; but it might be interesting to note that had Brian not been rescued when he was, had he been forced to go into hard fall, perhaps winter, it would have been very rough on him.*

d) *It is amazing what a single owl can do to a local population of ruffed grouse and rabbits in just a few months.*

15. Which statement contains a cause-effect relationship?

- a) When the pilot rescued Brian he had been alone on the L-shaped lake for fifty-four days.
- b) Gut cherries were termed choke cherries, and made good jelly.
- c) Because Brian had to catch his own food in the wilderness he lost seventeen percent of his body weight.
- d) The wolves were timber wolves, which are not known to attack or bother people.

16. Which question does the book answer?

- a) How is Brian rescued?
- b) What would happen if Brian had to live the winter in the wilderness?
- c) Which food does Brian like best?
- d) Why did the moose attack Brian?

My favorite part of the book was...



HATCHET QUIZ

Name:

Date:

1. Who gave Brian the hatchet?

- (A) His father
- (B) His mother
- (C) His girlfriend
- (D) The pilot on the phone

5. What was Brian's father's job?

- (A) Lumberman
- (B) Accountant
- (C) Lawyer
- (D) Oil engineer

2. How did the pilot of the plane die?

- (A) Stroke
- (B) A passenger killed him
- (C) Heart attack
- (D) In the plane crash

6. What was the purpose of Brian's trip to the Canadian woods?

- (A) He was going on a camping trip
- (B) He was going to visit his father
- (C) He was going to visit his uncle
- (D) He wanted to learn how to fly a plane

3. What was "the secret" to which Brian's thoughts often wander?

- (A) That his father is seeing another woman
- (B) That Brian wants to run away from home
- (C) That his mother has cancer
- (D) That his mother is seeing another man

7. How did Brian's father feel about the divorce?

- (A) He had asked for it himself
- (B) He felt it was better for Brian
- (C) He did not want it
- (D) He was indifferent

4. What happened during Brian's car ride with his mother from the city to meet the plane?

- (A) Brian's mother tried to get him to talk about what was wrong
- (B) Brian started crying in front of his mother
- (C) Brian's mother yelled at him
- (D) Brian told his mother he knew about the secret

8. What led to Brian's eventual rescue?

- (A) He found a transmitter in the plane wreckage
- (B) Rescuers sent out by his parents eventually found him
- (C) Hikers discovered his camp and took him to the nearest town in their van
- (D) The pilot emerged from a coma and knew of their location

9. Why does Brian suddenly realize that he may be out there in the woods for longer than he had anticipated?

- (A) No one knew he was taking a trip
- (B) There are no cities nearby
- (C) He heard once on television that search parties cancel the search after two days
- (D) He had bumped the wheel of the plane during the ride, changing the course

10. When Brian has to fly the plane himself after the pilot's heart attack, what prior experience helps him?

- (A) He used to fly with his Uncle Carter
- (B) He had watched the pilot very closely
- (C) The pilot had let him take the controls for a few minutes earlier in the ride
- (D) He had read a lot of books and seen a lot of movies about planes

11. What were Brian's thoughts on the plane ride?

- (A) Of his father's business
- (B) Of a girl he had a crush on
- (C) Of his parents' divorce
- (D) Of his baseball team

12. Where did Brian decide was the best place to land the plane?

- (A) In a field
- (B) On a road
- (C) On a mountain
- (D) On a lake

13. What did Brian see on a bike ride with his friend Terry?

- (A) His mother with a strange man with short blond hair
- (B) A moose
- (C) A car accident
- (D) A fight between his parents

14. What is the first food that Brian finds in the woods?

- (A) Fish
- (B) Berries
- (C) Roots
- (D) Worms

15. Where did Brian see a bear?

- (A) Right outside his shelter
- (B) In the berry patch
- (C) Atop a mountain
- (D) In the lake

16. What kind of animal hurt Brian?

- (A) A wolf
- (B) A bear
- (C) A porcupine
- (D) A deer

17. Who appeared in Brian's dream to show him how to make a fire?

- (A) His mother
- (B) His father
- (C) Terry
- (D) The pilot

18. What kind of eggs does Brian find to eat?

- (A) Turtle eggs
- (B) Chicken eggs
- (C) Fish eggs
- (D) Dinosaur eggs

19. What tool did Brian have to reinvent?

- (A) A fishing rod
- (B) A bow and arrow
- (C) A wheel
- (D) A hammer

20. Why does Brian take four baths a day at a certain point?

- (A) He is bored
- (B) He was sprayed by a skunk
- (C) He feels dirty out in the wilderness
- (D) So his smell will not be detectable by bears

21. What was sticking out of the water after the big storm?

- (A) The plane
- (B) A dead deer
- (C) Pieces of Brian's shelter
- (D) The hatchet

22. How did Brian get out to the plane in the middle of the lake?

- (A) He swam
- (B) He ripped off a piece of his shelter and floated on it
- (C) He built a canoe from his memory of a book he had read about Native Americans
- (D) He built a raft

23. What happened when Brian was trying to cut into the side of the plane?

- (A) He dropped his hatchet
- (B) He drowned
- (C) He plane sank down to the bottom of the lake
- (D) His hatchet broke

24. How did Brian feel about the rifle he finds in the survival pack?

- (A) He thought it would be better for hunting than what he had been using
- (B) He did not like it
- (C) He had always wanted a rifle like that
- (D) He has the same rifle back home

TOTAL SCORE: _____ / 24

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