

Hatchet: Chapters 1-5 Reading Packet

Name: _____

Due: _____

I. Comprehension Questions

Answer these questions as you read Chapters 1-5. Be sure to cite evidence from the text.

Chapter 1:

- What is the relationship between Brian and his parents? How does Brian feel about his parents' divorce?

- How does Brian react when he first realizes the plane is in trouble? What does this reveal about his character?

Chapter 2:

- How does the pilot's heart attack affect Brian's situation? What is going through Brian's mind during this moment?

- Describe Brian's feelings when he is forced to take control of the plane. What does this tell you about his mental state?

Chapter 3:

- What is Brian's immediate reaction after the crash? What does he realize about his circumstances?
- How does Brian's attempt to survive after the crash show both his resourcefulness and fear?

Chapter 4:

- How does Brian start to understand the challenges of being alone in the wilderness? What does he do to start addressing those challenges?
- What internal struggles does Brian face during this chapter? How does he deal with them?

Chapter 5:

- Describe the first night Brian spends alone in the wilderness. What does he feel, and how does he cope with fear?
- What is Brian's initial understanding of his situation in the wilderness, and how does it begin to change by the end of Chapter 5?

II. Internal vs. External Conflict Chart

Use this chart to analyze the internal and external conflicts Brian faces during Chapters 1-5.

Type of Conflict	Description	Evidence from the Text (Quote or Paraphrase)	How it Affects Brian
Internal Conflict			
External Conflict			

After filling out the chart:

- Which conflicts seem most difficult for Brian to handle? Why?
- How do internal and external conflicts work together to shape Brian's character?

III. Reflection on Resilience and Survival

After reading Chapters 1-5, answer the following questions. Write one paragraph for each.

- **How is Brian's resilience tested in these early chapters?** Think about both his internal and external struggles. How does he begin to show resilience even in the face of overwhelming fear and uncertainty?

- **What do you think is the most important quality for Brian to survive in the wilderness?** Explain your answer using examples from the text.

IV. Predictions for Future Chapters

Based on what you have read in Chapters 1-5, make a prediction about what might happen next in the story. Consider Brian's growing awareness of the wilderness and his internal struggles. Write your prediction below.