

Hatchet: Chapters 6-10 Reading Packet

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

I. Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions as you read Chapters 6-10. Be sure to reference what happens in the text to support your answers.

Chapter 6:

1. What is Brian's first successful effort to find food in the wilderness? How does this moment affect his confidence?
2. How does Brian feel about his situation at the beginning of Chapter 6? How does he start to change his attitude?
3. What role does Brian's memory of his mother's words play in his survival?

Chapter 7:

1. What challenges does Brian face when trying to create a shelter? What does he learn about the process of survival?
2. How does Brian's physical appearance change over these chapters, and how does this reflect his situation?
3. How does Brian's emotional state evolve in this chapter? What helps him start thinking more practically about survival?

Chapter 8:

1. Describe Brian's first encounter with the porcupine. How does it affect his confidence?
2. How does Brian's reaction to the porcupine attack reveal his growth in terms of resilience and problem-solving?
3. What lesson does Brian learn from this experience?

Chapter 9:

1. How does Brian struggle with loneliness and despair in Chapter 9? What does he do to overcome these feelings?
2. How does the weather change, and how does it affect Brian's survival efforts?
3. What role does hope play in Brian's ability to survive? Provide an example from the text.

Chapter 10:

1. What major breakthrough does Brian experience in this chapter? How does it change his view of his situation?
2. How does Brian's physical health improve, and what does this tell us about his mental state?

II. Survival Skills Chart

***Purpose:** Examine the survival skills Brian learns and applies to help him adapt to the setting of the story: the wilderness.*

Survival Skill	When Brian First Encounters It	How Brian Uses It to Survive	What He Learns/How He Improves
Building Shelter			
Finding Food			
Fire Making			

III. Reflection on Resilience and Survival

After reading Chapters 6-10, answer the following questions in short paragraph format.

1. **How does Brian’s resilience continue to grow in these chapters?** Think about how he handles both physical challenges and emotional struggles. Use examples from the text to support your response.

2. **What does Brian learn about survival in Chapters 6-10?** How does he adapt to the wilderness, and what lessons does he learn from his successes and failures?

IV. Vocabulary Preview (Chapters 6-10)

Preview the vocabulary words below that you will encounter in Chapters 6-10. Use context clues to determine the meanings.

1. **Desperation**
2. **Perseverance**
3. **Forage**
4. **Isolation**
5. **Instinct**
6. **Indifference**

V. Predictions for Future Chapters

Make a prediction about what might happen next in the story. Consider Brian's evolving skills and emotional state, and how they might affect his future decisions. Write at least one paragraph predicting what you think Brian will face next in his journey.