

Week 1 Assessment

Directions: Choose the letter representing the best answer for each question.

1. Who is the main character of *Hatchet*? What quality best describes him in the opening chapter of the novel?
 - a. Brian Robeson; emotional
 - b. Jim; strong
 - c. Brian Nelson; decisive
 - d. Jake; scared
2. What circumstance(s) led to Brian being on the plane headed to the Canadian Wilderness?
 - a. Brian was on a scouting adventure.
 - b. Brian was going to visit his father.
 - c. Brian learned a secret.
 - d. none of the above
3. What situation best describes Brian's Call to Adventure?
 - a. learning to fly the plane
 - b. going to see his father by himself
 - c. the pilot having a heart attack leaving Brian alone
 - d. none of the above
4. What choice(s) is Brian faced with?
 - a. fly the plane until he finds a safe place to land or crash with the plane
 - b. try to revive the pilot or determine how to land on his own
 - c. wait for the plane to run out of gas or land the plane while it is running
 - d. parachute from the plane or crash
5. The author writes that Brian is, "*Tearing Free. Ripping Free*" (pg. 28). Which literary device is being used?
 - a. literal meaning
 - b. idiom
 - c. satire
 - d. simile

6. Place the following events in chronological order:
1. Brian navigates the plane to an “L” shaped lake where he attempts to make a crash landing into the lake.
 2. Brian is flying to visit his father in the Canadian Wilderness.
 3. The pilot teaches Brian the basics of flying a plane.
 4. Brian’s mother gave him a hatchet to take with him on his trip.
 5. The pilot has a heart attack and dies.
- a. 1, 3, 4, 2, 5
 - b. 2, 4, 5, 3, 1
 - c. 4, 5, 3, 2, 1
 - d. 4, 2, 3, 5, 1
7. Brian recalls the teachings of Mr. Perpich, his former teacher and mentor. What is a synonym for mentor?
- a. advisor
 - b. follower
 - c. disciple
 - d. none of the above
8. Mr. Perpich told Brian to never forget that
- a. “you can eat foliage if it grows on the north side of a tree.”
 - b. “you are the best thing that you have.”
 - c. “you must think positively.”
 - d. none of the above
9. What is the role of mentor in the heroic journey?
- a. Teach and guide the main character through their ordeal.
 - b. Provide crucial wisdom, training, and expertise necessary for the journey.
 - c. Provide some tool or symbolic object necessary for the journey.
 - d. both C & D
10. Put the following events in chronological order:
1. Brian takes inventory of all of the items or assets he has.
 2. Brian thinks that he is still in shock from the crash.
 3. Brian puts the events that have occurred in perspective by thinking simply.
 4. Brian wakes up on the bank of the lake thinking about “The Secret.”
 5. Brian thinks himself lucky to be alive but unlucky because his parents are divorced and he just experienced a plane crash.
- a. 5, 4, 1, 2, 3
 - b. 4, 3, 2, 1, 5
 - c. 3, 2, 5, 1, 4
 - d. 4, 5, 2, 3, 1

Week 2 Assessment

Directions: Choose the letter representing the best answer for each question.

1. What are the basic elements of survival?
 - a. food, water, breathing, shelter, sleep
 - b. shelter, health, friendship, respecting oneself
 - c. problem solving, confidence, health, risk taking
 - d. food, water, clothing, transportation, basic first aid
2. What tools and experiences did Brian use to help him start taking control of his situation?
 - a. a show he saw where pilots were stranded and ate berries for food
 - b. a time when he and Terry pretended to be lost and made a lean-to in the park
 - c. common sense
 - d. all of the above
3. The setting of "*Hatchet*" is
 - a. a small Cessna plane.
 - b. Canadian Wilderness.
 - c. The Outback.
 - d. Alaska, USA.
4. As time goes on, Brian realizes that _____ will motivate him through his journey.
 - a. safety and food
 - b. food and shelter
 - c. his desire to live and see his family
 - d. none of the above
5. Brian picked berries and ran into a bear. The bear
 - a. showed its teeth and roared a warning.
 - b. stood on its hind legs and acted aggressively toward Brian.
 - c. continued on its way eating berries as it walked.
 - d. none of the above

6. The author of *Hatchet* is
- Gary Paulsen.
 - Pearl S. Buck.
 - John Steinbeck.
 - Gary Soto.
7. The hatchet is the key to making
- a new shelter.
 - a boat.
 - fire.
 - none of the above
8. What is Brian's most important rule of survival?
- Eat slowly.
 - Store your food away from animals.
 - Create a strong shelter.
 - Feeling sorry for yourself doesn't work.
9. Place the following events in chronological order:
- Brian learns how to make fire.
 - Brian kicks a porcupine and ends up with 8 needles in his leg.
 - Brian finds berries and encounters a bear.
 - Brian dreams of his father and Terry. They are trying to tell him something.
 - Brian locates a shelter.
- 2, 1, 4, 3, 5
 - 1, 5, 3, 2, 4
 - 5, 3, 4, 1, 2
 - 5, 3, 2, 4, 1
10. What is the significant event that caused Brian to cross the threshold and begin his journey?
- finding food
 - making fire
 - encountering the bear
 - thinking about his family

Week 3 Assessment

Directions: Choose the letter representing the best answer for each question.

1. Courage is risk for a reason, not for a thrill. Courage requires we moderate our _____ and our _____.
 - a. caloric intake; sleep
 - b. impulses; emotions
 - c. anger; frustrations
 - d. none of the above
2. What are the benefits of Brian's fire?
 - a. He can cook food.
 - b. The mosquitoes stay away.
 - c. It keeps him warm.
 - d. all of the above
3. Brian doesn't want to leave the fire because
 - a. it is precious to him, like a new friend.
 - b. it is the first time he felt secure.
 - c. he is proud of his accomplishment and wants to watch it.
 - d. none of the above
4. What is Brian's "innermost cave" as it relates to the heroic journey?
 - a. not being able to find food
 - b. losing hope of being rescued and seeing his family
 - c. fear of the natural elements
 - d. none of the above
5. What does the term refract refer to?
 - a. the bending of light when it passes from one medium to another
 - b. making smaller
 - c. the speed at which something passes from one surface to another
 - d. none of the above

6. Brian considers himself re-born. What in the story does this refer to?
- Brian was able to get clean after being sprayed by the skunk.
 - Brian's attitude changed once he caught a fish.
 - Brian lost hope once the plane passed over him.
 - The passing of the plane changed him and he realized all of the positive things he had become.
7. The "fish pond" offered a new kind of hope for Brian. What was he able to do with the advent of the pond?
- attract food
 - have as much fish for dinner as he wanted
 - think ahead and plan
 - none of the above
8. On page 131, Brian learns two important lessons: "Food was first and
- don't take shortcuts."
 - find a good place for shelter."
 - nothing in nature was lazy."
 - hide your food well."
9. Place the following events in chronological order:
- Brian rebuilds his shelter. It takes him three days.
 - He learns how to catch and eat a "foolbird".
 - Brian misses an opportunity to signal a search plane.
 - Brian hides the turtle eggs in the shelter. He gets sprayed by a skunk defending his food.
 - He builds a fish pen to trap and keep fresh fish.
- 1, 4, 3, 2, 5
 - 2, 4, 5, 1, 3
 - 3, 4, 1, 5, 2
 - 5, 4, 1, 2, 3
10. Catching and killing the foolbird would be considered which stage of the heroic journey?
- Test, Ally, and Enemy
 - Reward
 - Ordeal
 - none of the above

Week 4 Assessment

Directions: Choose the letter representing the best answer for each question.

1. Courage leads me to consider the heroic journey in which people live for purposes bigger than _____ and their _____.
 - a. themselves; wants and needs
 - b. others; desires
 - c. themselves; hopes and dreams
 - d. none of the above
2. In one day, Brian survives
 - a. a wolf attack, tornado, and loss of his fish stockpile.
 - b. being sprayed by a skunk, killing and eating his first meat, and making a boat.
 - c. a tornado, a moose attack, and loss of his shelter.
 - d. a porcupine attack, getting sick from the berries, and finding shelter.
3. The term survive can best be defined as:
 - a. to cease
 - b. to endure, withstand or live through something
 - c. to die
 - d. none of the above
4. The one thing that has been constant for Brian is
 - a. his hope.
 - b. the hatchet.
 - c. the trials of the wilderness.
 - d. his ability to learn.
5. Brian had many _____.
 - a. fish in his pond.
 - b. First Days.
 - c. second chances.
 - d. none of the above

6. When Brian was rescued he said, “_____”
- a. Thank goodness you are finally here to save me.
 - b. What took you so long?
 - c. My name is Brian Robinson. Would you like something to eat?
 - d. How are my parents?
7. What is one of the overall theme(s) of *Hatchet*?
- a. man versus nature
 - b. the need for positive thinking
 - c. the contrast between city life and life in the wilderness
 - d. all of the above
8. What does the plane symbolize?
- a. life and death
 - b. Even though you sink, you can float again.
 - c. endings and beginnings
 - d. both A & C
9. What changes became permanent for Brian?
- a. He learned to observe and then react.
 - b. He became more thoughtful.
 - c. Food is wonderful.
 - d. all of the above
10. What are the big ideas of *Hatchet*?
- a. You must have courage in order to survive.
 - b. Self-pity does not work.
 - c. One has to know how to survive physically and mentally.
 - d. all of the above

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Assessment Answer Key

Week One

1. A
2. B
3. C
4. C
5. B
6. D
7. A
8. B
9. D
10. D

Week Three

1. B
2. D
3. A
4. B
5. A
6. D
7. C
8. C
9. C
10. B

Week Two

1. A
2. D
3. C
4. B
5. C
6. A
7. C
8. D
9. D
10. B

Week Four

1. A
2. C
3. B
4. B
5. B
6. C
7. D
8. E
9. D
10. D