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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Hatchet

Author:

Gary Paulsen

Date Started:

Date Finished:

Keep reading. Keep wondering.

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How to Answer

Your answer does not have to be perfect. Just answer in complete thoughts and use details from the chapter.

How to structure your answer

A strong answer usually has a few parts. Try these steps:

1. **Answer the question.** Start with one sentence that answers the question directly.
2. **Give an example.** Add a detail or moment from the chapter that shows what you mean.
3. **Explain why.** Tell why it mattered, or how it made you think or feel.
4. **Wrap it up.** Finish with a closing thought, a question, or a prediction.

Chapter 5: Brian starts thinking about what he needs to survive. Which need seems most important right away, and why?

Example answer: I think water seems most important right away because Brian is very thirsty and cannot live long without it. He is near the lake, so he has a way to drink, even though he is not sure if it is safe. Food matters too, but his body needs water first. This shows that Brian is starting to think like a survivor.

How to Answer (continued)

Chapter 9: Brian works hard to make fire. Why is fire so important to him, both for survival and for his feelings?

Example answer: Fire is important because it can help Brian stay warm, keep animals away, and maybe cook food later. It also makes him feel less alone because it is something he created by himself. I think the fire gives him hope. After working so hard, Brian can see that he is capable of solving hard problems.

Chapter 13: Brian thinks about being a new version of himself. What does that mean, and how is this Brian different from the Brian at the beginning?

Example answer: The new Brian is stronger and more careful than he was at the beginning. Before the crash, he depended on adults and did not know much about living in nature. Now he watches, listens, and learns from every mistake. I think he is also braver because he keeps trying even when things are difficult.

Chapter 1

Chapter 1: What important problem happens on the plane, and how does Brian react at first?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

Chapter 14: After the skunk takes his turtle eggs, Brian changes his shelter and storage. What does this show about how he learns from problems?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

Chapter 13: Brian thinks about being a new version of himself. What does that mean, and how is this Brian different from the Brian at the beginning?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Chapter 2: Brian has to make choices quickly after the pilot gets sick. What does he do to try to help himself, and what does this show about him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Chapter 3: Describe the plane crash in your own words. What details make the scene feel scary or intense?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

Chapter 12: Brian feels crushed when the search plane leaves without seeing him. What might happen next because of this disappointment?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Chapter 11: Brian begins to notice more details in nature. How is he changing as a person because of his time in the wilderness?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Chapter 4: Brian wakes up after the crash and notices the world around him. What are some of the first challenges he faces?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Chapter 5: Brian starts thinking about what he needs to survive. Which need seems most important right away, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Chapter 10: Brian finds turtle eggs near the lake. How does this discovery change his chances of surviving?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Chapter 9: Brian works hard to make fire. Why is fire so important to him, both for survival and for his feelings?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Chapter 6: Brian chooses a place for shelter. What makes this spot helpful, and what problems might it still have?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Chapter 7: Brian eats berries and learns an important lesson. What does he learn from this mistake?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Chapter 8: The porcupine hurts Brian, but it also leads to a discovery. How does this event help Brian understand something new?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
