

Book Punch - Hatchet

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Evidence and Inference - Topic 1

The Evidence and Inference topics and their pre-writing questions are listed below. Use this worksheet to write your answers. Include exact words from the book to support your answers along with the page number where the text can be found.

Evidence and Inference Topic 1

When Brian, the main character in Gary Paulsen's "Hatchet," finds himself stranded in the wilderness, he must find the strength and the tools he needs to adapt and survive. Write a multi-paragraph essay telling the most important things Brian does to adapt to his wilderness home. You must write a thesis statement that expresses this opinion, a body of two or three paragraphs to support your statement, and a conclusion paragraph that sums up this point of view.

Food>>

1. What makes Brian understand that to survive he must first get motivated to find food?
2. Why are berries Brian's first food?

Fire>>

3. Why does Brian think a fire will be helpful?
4. Brian finds there are many steps to make a fire. How does Brian learn to make a fire?

Animals>>

5. What does Brian learn about an animal that injures him?
6. What does Brian learn about an animal that makes him miserable?

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Evidence and Inference Topic 1 - Essay Plan Worksheet

Each of the points in your plan will be the main idea of a body paragraph in your essay. For an essay with 2 body paragraphs use two points in your plan. The boxes below contain the sample thesis statement divided into the Opinion and the Plan.

Write your own thesis statement below the sample Opinion and Plan.

Then use the boxes below each point of your plan to write at least 2 supporting points for each body paragraph. Use words or phrases or page numbers.

Thesis Statement: OPINION

The most important things Brian does to adapt to the wilderness are

Thesis Statement: PLAN

Point 1
Food>>

find food

Point 2
Fire>>

make a fire

Point 3
Animals>>

and understand wild animals

Supporting point

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Evidence and Inference - Topic 2

The Evidence and Inference topics and their pre-writing questions are listed below. Use this worksheet to write your answers. Include exact words from the book to support your answers along with the page number where the text can be found.

Evidence and Inference Topic 2

In the wilderness Brian faces many hardships and obstacles that make his life difficult. It would be easier to give up but Brian chooses to fight. In his struggle he finds strength in the advice of his teacher, Mr. Perpich, to stay positive. Write a multi-paragraph essay arguing that Brian's positive thinking is an important survival tool for him. You must write a thesis statement that expresses this opinion, a body of two or three paragraphs to support your statement, and a concluding paragraph that sums up this point of view.

New perspectives>>

1. After the crash Brian thinks he has nothing. What does Brian see that he has after he remembers Mr. Perpich telling students to stay positive?

2. Brian feels hopeless until he remembers Mr. Perpich's words, "You are your most valuable asset." How does this help shift Brian's perspective?

Overcome obstacles>>

3. What obstacles in the wilderness test Brian's positive thinking?

4. What does Brian do that shows he does not give up easily when times are hard?

Trusts himself>>

5. What does Brian do that proves he trusts his abilities even though he has made many mistakes?

6. How does Brian show that he believes in his ability to accomplish difficult tasks?

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Evidence and Inference Topic 2 - Essay Plan Worksheet

Each of the points in your plan will be the main idea of a body paragraph in your essay. For an essay with 2 body paragraphs use two points in your plan. The boxes below contain the sample thesis statement divided into the Opinion and the Plan.

Write your own thesis statement below the sample Opinion and Plan.

Then use the boxes below each point of your plan to write at least 2 supporting points for each body paragraph. Use words or phrases or page numbers.

Thesis Statement: OPINION

Brian's positive thinking is an important survival tool

Thesis Statement: PLAN

Point 1
New perspectives>>

because it allows for new perspectives

Point 2
Overcome obstacles>>

creates motivation to overcome obstacles

Point 3
Trusts himself>>

and helps him to trust himself

Supporting point

Supporting point