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Novel Study ~ Hatchet

Reader Responses 3: Chapters 9 - 12

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AFTER YOU READ CHAPTERS 9 & 10 /12

AFTER YOU READ CHAPTERS 11 & 12 /12

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AFTER YOU READ CHAPTERS 9 - 10:

1. PLOT:

The first sentence of chapter nine states: “Brian found it was a long way from sparks to fire.” Number the following events from chapter nine in proper order.

- a. ___ Brian cuts the birch bark into thin slivers.
- b. ___ Brian tries tapping sparks into dried grass and small twigs.
- c. ___ Brian blows on the embers too hard, causing them to go out.
- d. ___ Brian peels enough tiny tendrils of bark from a birch tree to form a wad the size of a baseball.
- e. ___ Brian feeds dead limbs to the hungry flames.
- f. ___ By blowing gently on the glowing embers, Brian causes the bark hairs to burst into flame.
- g. ___ Brian rips the twenty dollar bill into tiny pieces and hits sparks into them.
- h. ___ Brian collects a ball of birch bark fluff as big as a grapefruit.

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2. ANALYSING THE NOVEL:

(Marks: 4-point scale – 4 = Wow! Very detailed, evidence of inferencing as well as obvious information. 3 = fully meets expectations, 2 = minimally meets expectations, 0-1 not meeting expectations)

- a. Why were Brian’s first attempts to make fire unsuccessful?

b. Fire brought with it a disadvantage for Brian. Explain.

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3. THEME: In chapter 10, the theme of the novel is really becoming clear – never give up. Cite three different examples from chapters 9 and 10 that show how this theme is being revealed.

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TOTAL FOR THIS SECTION

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Now you are ready to read chapters 11 and 12.

AFTER YOU READ CHAPTERS 11 - 12:

1. CHARACTER: Brian is changing and growing as a person. He is determined to find ways to survive. These chapters showed his determination to survive in the wild by solving problems. Use evidence from the text to answer the following questions and to show Brian's creativity and determination.

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a. Explain Brian's plan for a signal fire.

b. How did Brian make his fishing spear?

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2. MOOD:

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a. The mood at the end of this chapter was pessimistic and hopeless. Why?
