

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be reading *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen. You may purchase the book from any bookstore or online. I have attached study questions that everyone should complete and bring with them on the first day of school. These questions will be helpful in the understanding and in the discussion of the book. You will be tested on the material at the end of the first week.

Have a great summer!!  
Ms. Cindy

## SHORT ANSWER STUDY QUESTIONS *Hatchet*

### Chapters 1-3

1. Where was Brian going and why?
2. What happened to the pilot?
3. What did Brian do while he was alone in the plane? What happened because of the things he did?
4. What did Brian think his two choices in the plane were? Which did he choose?
5. Describe the plane's landing.

### Chapters 4-5

1. What was the part of the Secret that Brian remembered?
2. What was Brian's physical condition?
3. What new disaster happened when the sun came up? What did Brian do about it? Why did it surprise him so much?
4. What things did Brian think about when he woke up from his second sleep?
5. How did thinking about Mr. Perpich help Brian?

### Chapters 6-7

1. What did Brian think about that helped him find food and make a shelter?
2. What was Brian's reaction when he saw his reflection in the lake?
3. What did Brian do after his illness from the gut cherries?
4. Describe what Brian did and thought when he saw the bear.

### Chapters 8-11

1. What did Brian learn from his encounter with the porcupine?
2. Describe the way Brian made a fire. Tell how he felt about the fire.
3. What new food did Brian find? How did he feel at first about eating it? What did he do with the rest of the food?
4. As he was eating his new food, Brian thought about the searchers. What did he think?
5. What changes did Brian notice in himself?

### Chapters 12-15

1. Describe the hunger that Brian felt.
2. Describe the incident with the plane, and how Brian felt after it.
3. On day 47 after the crash, Brian thought about the true and new things, and about tough hope. What were the true and new things? What was tough hope?
4. Describe Brian's encounter with the skunk, and what he learned from it.
5. What was Brian's major breakthrough? How did he do it? Why was it important?
6. How did Brian begin to measure time? Which day was described in Chapter 16?

Short Answer Study Questions *Hatchet*

Chapters 16-17

1. Which animal attacked Brian? What happened to him?
2. What happened as a result of the tornado?
3. Brian was impatient to begin the plane project when he remembered the order in which he had learned to do things. What was the order?
4. What action did Brian take to get to the plane?

Chapters 18-Epilogue

1. How did Brian get into the plane?
2. What happened while Brian was trying to get into the plane? What did he do about it?
3. What happened when Brian saw the pilot?
4. How did finding the rifle change Brian?
5. Describe Brian's rescue.
6. How long was Brian alone on the lake?
7. What were the temporary and permanent changes in Brian?
8. What was life like for Brian and his parents after he was rescued?
9. What did Brian do about the Secret?