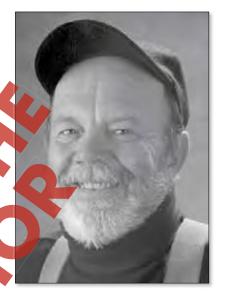
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Gary Paulsen

orn May 17, 1939 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Gary Paulsen became interested in reading at a very young age after a librarian gave him a book to read. At the age of 14, Paulsen ran away from home to join a carnival, where he acquired a taste for adventure. Paulsen first realized that he would become a writer suddenly while working as a satellite technician for an aerospace firm in California. One night, he walked off the job and never returned. Paulsen spent the next year in Hollywood as a magazine proofreader, working on his own writing at night. He then left California for a rented cabin on a lake in northern Minnesota. By the end of the winter, he had completed his first novel, The Special War. Paulsen has written more than 175 books and 200 articles and short stories for young readers. Paulsen's work features the outdoors and highlights themes such as coming of age, where the main character must master the art of survival in isolation as a rite of passage to manhood and maturity. 1983, Paulsen entered his first Iditarod, a 1,150-mile Alasko dog sled race, and in 1985, he completed his second he suffered from an attack of anging — a constriction of



airways — he was forced to give up his dogs. After a 20-year absence from dog sledding, Paulsen was scheduled to compete in the 2005 Idirared, only to back out shortly before the start of the race. He then participated in 2006, but had to finish after only two days. Paulsen and his wife Ruth spend their time between a home in New Mexico and a house in the Pacific.

Did You Know?

- Paulsen has had many different jobs such as an engineer, construction worker, ranch hand, truck driver, and sailor.
- Three of Paulsen's books, Hatchet, Dogsong, and The Winter Room are all Newbery Honor Books.
- The novel Brian's Winter is a seauel to Hatchet, stemming from an alternate ending.

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Chapter Four

- Fill in each blank with the correct word from the chapter.
 - a) For seconds he did not know where he was, only that the was still happening.

that flocked to his body. **b)** Thick, swarming hordes of ___

- c) He couldn't identify most of it except the evergreens and some leafy trees he thought might be
- d) It was a beaver house, called a beaver
- e) The memory came in pieces Brian loo and his mother sit

hammered	scrunched	agony	splops	blurks
a) In the end h	ne sat with the v	vindbreaker p	oulled up, almost	crying in frustration
and				
b) He tried to	nove, but pain		into him ai	nd made his breath
shorten into	gasps			
c) And if by a	signal there wer	re suddenly lit	tle	all over the
side of the l	·	c sadacrily ill		all over the
d) Hisses and _		, small sou	nds — there was	great noise here,
but a noise	he did not knov	V.		
e) He manage	d to come to a	sitting positio	on and	sideways
until his bac	k was against a	ı small tree.		

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Chapter Four

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

In Chapter 4, Brian reminisces about the Secret that split his parents up. What do you think the Secret is?

At the end of Chapter 3, Brian had just crashed the plane into the lake and was swimming to shore. What next obstacle do you think Brian will face in his new surroundings?

7	/ 0	ca	bu	la	ry

Complete each sentence with a word from the list.

hoarse keening remnants horde abating collapse hummocks mound

more than hills surrounded the wooded Low mounds resembling area that Brian now found himself in.

The funeral procession erupted in a loud _____ ____ cry for the lost loved one. of biovoles descended the slopping road during a cycling 3.

contest. 4. Amanda was screaming for hours that her voice became _

Despite the massive headache Brian received from the crash, the pain in his forehead seemed to be __ somewhat.

After a long day of working in the field, Steven climbed the stairs to his bedroom in order to _____ in his bed.

7. _ came out of the lake and a small beaver swam out of it.

Brian only had torn left of his windbreaker after escaping the sinking airplane and swimming to shore.

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Chapter Four

Answer each question with a complete sentence.

3. What sort of injuries did Brian sustain from the

What did Brian believe to be "not poss

What was the Secret that caused Brian's parents to divorce and w did Brian find out about it?

What temperature and time was it when Brian found out about his mother's Secret?

Brian describes the shape of the lake the plane crashed into as an "L" shape. At which part of the "L" did Brian swim to after the crash?

What types of a d trees did Brian encounter in this chapter?



In Chapter 4, Brian wakes up on the banks of the lake alive and relatively well. Imagine you are Brian and first waking up from a plane crash. Write a journal entry describing your feelings and observations on your new environment.





Chapters 8 to 10

A Comic Strip

This activity is especially for students with an artistic flair or who love comic books! It can be done for events described so far in *Hatchet*, or included in Chapters 8-10.

The first step is to decide on the length of your comic strip (6-12 manuscript); next, consider what events you will include. You may wish to highlight a brief incident or encompass the highlights of a chapter — or even the first 10 chapters. You may even want to provide an alternate ending to your scene!

A quick sketch of the comic strip can first be accomplished in a **storyboard format** before a final, good copy is attempted. The strip should include a title, dialogue, and color. It should be neat and imaginative.



Drawing the Scene

Brian's shelter improves throughout the course of the book; however, the location remains the same.

Brian describes his shelter and surrounding location in great detail. In Chapter 6, Brian describes the location of his shelter as:

• On the northern side of the ridge, a glacier scooped part of it, leaving a sideways

- bowl under a ledge
- Not as deep as a cave, if had a roof and a small sand beach that went down to the edge of the water.

In Chapter 14, Brian scribes the improvements he made on his shelter:

- First he tore downnis old shelter, fastened several logs from dead pines across the opening, wedging them at the top and burying the bottoms in the sand.
- He wove long branches in through them to make tighter walls.
- He weaved a door of willows in a tight mesh, and arranged some cut-off limbs to hook the door in place.

Draw Brian's shelter and location. Be sure to include the lake and improved shelter he made.





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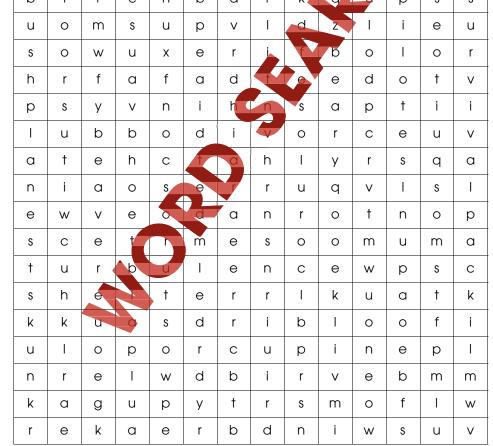
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Compre	ehensior	n Quiz	
ver each question in a comp	lete sentence.		30
Why did Brian want to build his sh	elter near the lake	?	(
Describe the location of Brian's st	helter.		
			<u> </u>
Describe the dream Brian had in (Chapter 9		
Describe the dream Brian had in (Chapter 6.		<u> </u>
Name TWO animals that attacked	d Brianl		
What did Brian discover was and	ther advantage of	having a fire?	— (A
Describe what the turtle eggs loc	oked and tasted like	Э.	(2
What did Brian have hope for oth	ner than to be rescu	ued?	



Word Search Puzzle

Find the following words from the story. The words are written horizontally, vertically, diagonally, and some are written backwards.

bear beaver birchbark bow and arrow			dive fire	bushplane divorce fire foolbirds			hatchet moose mosquitoes pilot		porcupine shelter skunk spear			tornado turbulence windbreaker			
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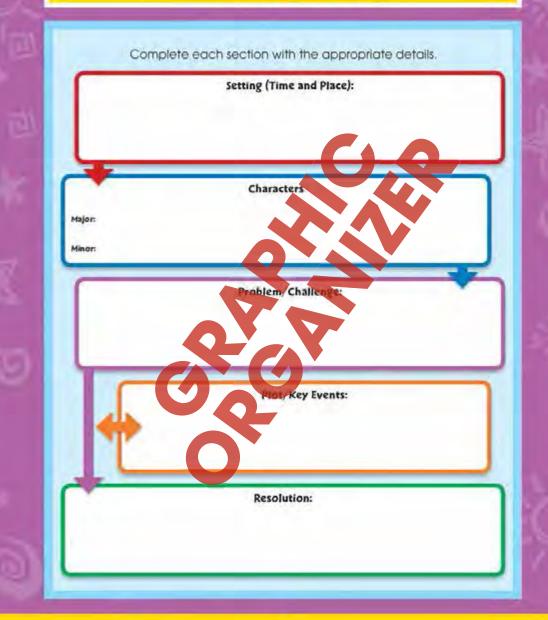


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Chapter One

Answer each question with a complete sentence.

- **1.** Brian's parents are recently divorced. What were Brian's living arrangements with his parents?
- Brian mentions something about a Secret that only he knows that is the cause for his parent's divorce. In your opinion, what do you think the secret might be?
- Brian is able to recognize that the pilot is having a heart attack. How does Brian know this and what are the signs mentioned?
- **4.** What were the stages of the pilot's heart attack?
- 5. What was Brian's interaction with his mother like before getting on the plane?

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6. Describe Brian's father's job.



Brian mentions a bit about the setting of Northern Canada as he flies over it. As a journal entry, research the environment of Northern Canada and write your own description of what it might look like as you fly over it.





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In the summer Brian would Answers will vary. a) **(3** live with his father and during the school year with his mother. b) 🚺 Answers will vary. 3. c) **(3** When he was at the Answers will vary. mall with his mother, he d) **(3** witnessed an older man suffering from a heart attack. The signs include e) 🕡 "going down" and screaming about his chest. f) **(** Vocabulary Aches and pains in his left shoulder, a strong **1.** C or, pain down the left n, stomach pain, spasms, body jerks, **2.** H chest pains. **3.** G Brian was silent during the drive to the airport because of anger he felt **4.** B for his mother due to the about like it. His mother was speaking to him as she did **7.** D when he was younger. **d)** 1 6. **8.** A Brian's father was a **e)** 3 mechanical engineer who had designed or invented **9**. | a new drill bit for oil

10. E

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drilling: a self-cleaning,

self-sharpening bit. He was

working in the oil fields of Canada.

1.

Answers will vary.
Altimeter, transmitter radio, clock, speed, compass.

2.

Putting his hand on the control wheel and his feet on the pedals, Brian pulled back on the wheel to raise the plane. He then pushed the wheel back in. He continued to do this until the nose was level with the horizon.

3.

The altimeter is a device that tells you your height above the ground or sea level.

4.

Trees and lakes.

Answers will vary.

6.

Chapter 2 ends with the plane running out of gas.
Chapter 3 ends with Brian swimming to shore after crashing the plane into a lake.

