

English 7
Summer Reading Assignment
2022

Assignment:

- Read *Brian's Winter* by Gary Paulsen (part of the *Hatchet* series).
- Answer all of the Short Answer and Open-Response Questions in complete sentences.
- Return this packet with your completed answers on the second day of school.

Short Answer Section

Directions: Answer all of the following questions in at least two complete sentences. Include your answers on another sheet of paper.

1. What are some of the challenges Brian faces with the weather? How does he overcome these challenges?
2. Explain how Brian's relationship with the wolves develops and changes in the novel.
3. Explain how Brian prepares for the arrival of winter. In your response, include at least two things he does to prepare to survive in winter.
4. Discuss Brian's interactions with the skunk. What happens? How does he deal with it? How does Brian come to deal with the skunk?
5. Discuss Brian's run-in with the bear and what he learns from it.

Open-Response Section

Directions: Answer all of the following questions in at least a paragraph (at least 5 sentences with an introductory sentence, supporting detail sentences, and a concluding sentence). Include support for your opinions. Write your answers on another sheet of paper.

1. What is Brian like? How would you describe his character? In your answer, include at least 3 **personality** traits Brian possesses and how they are important in the novel.
2. Describe how Brian survives in the novel. Does this seem realistic for a person his age? Why or why not?
3. Discuss your opinion of the ending of the novel. Include at least 2 positive observations and one thing in the novel that troubled you/ confused you. Do you have any questions for the author? If so, what are they?