

Woodsong
Chapters 1
Comprehension

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Using Chapter 1, answer the following questions with complete sentences. (24 pts)

1. Why does the author say that he “learned nothing” while hunting in the woods? (4 pts)

2. Why was the doe frightened? (4 pts)

3. Give two examples of predators who failed to catch the prey. Tell how they failed. (8 pts)

4. Is it wrong for animals to kill other animals for food? Explain your answer. (8 pts)

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Chapter 2
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Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Using Chapter 2, answer the following questions with complete sentences. (24 pts)

1. Besides writing, what else has the author done to support his family? (4 pts)

2. How did the author become involved with dogs? (4 pts)

3. How would the author stay warm on cold nights after setting traplines? (4 pts)

4. Why should a musher never feed a dog dry dog food when the dog is going to be working hard or stressed? (4 pts)

5. Why does Storm go insane when the author tries to put him in the basket when he was hurt? (4 pts)

6. What had the author learned that night? (4 pts)

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Chapter 3
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Directions: Using Chapter 3, answer the following questions with complete sentences. (24 pts)

1. How does "serious cold" change beauty? (4 pts)

2. Describe Columbia's sense of humor. Give details from the story. (8 pts)

3. Why will the author never kill again? (4 pts)

4. Why was it a miracle that Obeah came back when the author was hurt?
(4 pts)

5. Why could the dogs "teach" the author? (4 pts)

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Chapter 4
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Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Using Chapter 4, answer the following questions with complete sentences. (36 pts)

1. What is the primary difference between people and animals? (4 pts)

2. Why was this run a "day of wonders" for the dogs? (4 pts)

3. Describe what the author had to do in order to get ready for bed. (8 pts)

4. Why did the dogs sing a "come-back-and-don't-go-away sad song"? (4 pts)

5. Why do bears come to the house and kennels? (4 pts)

6. Describe the author's mistake. Give details from the story. (8 pts)

7. What did the author learn from the bear? (4 pts)

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Chapter 5
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Name; _____ Date: _____

Directions: Using Chapter 5, answer the following questions with complete sentences.

1. Why do chickens flock around the chimney? (4 pts)

2. Why does "mother love" take on a whole new meaning with banty hens? (4 pts)

3. Describe what happened when Gary Paulsen gave the grouse's eggs to Hawk. Give details from the book. (8 pts)

4. How did the banty hen, Hawk, get her name? (4 pts)

5. Why did Paulsen's wife wear a helmet to pick tomatoes? (4 pts)

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Chapter 6
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Name; _____ Date: _____

Directions: Using Chapter 6, answer the following questions with complete sentences.
(40 pts)

1. Why did the red squirrel surprise Gary Paulsen? (4 pts)

2. What happened to Gary Paulsen's head lamp? How does this affect his run with the dogs? (8 pts)

3. Describe what Gary Paulsen saw in the woods the night he didn't have his head lamp. (8 pts)

4. What song did the dogs sing that frightened Gary Paulsen? (4 pts)

5. What happened when Gary was in the canoe with his friend and his friend's four-year-old son? (4 pts)

6. Why did the second doe, that Gary Paulsen saw on his canoe ride, have the “mess with me and you’re a dead man” look in her eyes? (4 pts)

7. Why was the sled dog team nervous at the end of the chapter? (4 pts)

8. What was so scary about the doe at the end of the chapter? (4 pts)

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Chapter 7
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Name; _____ Date: _____

Directions: Using Chapter 7, answer the following questions with complete sentences.
(52 pts)

1. Why did Fred bite Gary Paulsen? (4 pts)

2. Describe an instance where Fred was persistent. (8 pts)

3. Why did Cookie lead Gary Paulsen and the rest of the team over the edge of a sharp drop? (4 pts)

4. After Gary Paulsen untangled the dog team, what did the dogs do? Why did they do this? (8 pts)

5. Describe Storm. Give me examples of the type of personality he had. (8 pts)

6. Why did Storm bare his teeth and growl at the stove on the sled? (4 pts)

7. What did Storm do when he was bored on long training runs? (4 pts)

8. How did Storm let Gary Paulsen know that Paulsen was pushing the dog team too hard during a pre-Iditarod race? (4 pts)

9. Describe how Storm let Gary Paulsen know he did not blame Paulsen since he could not face east when he died. (8 pts)

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Chapter 8
Comprehension

Name; _____ Date: _____

Directions: Using Chapter 8, answer the following questions with complete sentences.

1. What happened to Paulsen while he was waiting for the weather to improve? (4 pts)

2. Describe Paulsen's hallucinations. (8 pts)

3. How did the old Eskimo man help Paulsen? Give at least two examples. (8 pts)

4. Why do you think that Paulsen thinks running the Iditarod is madness? (4 pts)

5. How long was Paulsen's first Iditarod run? (4 pts)

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Days 1-2
Comprehension Worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Using Days 1-2, answer the following questions with complete sentences. (52 pts)

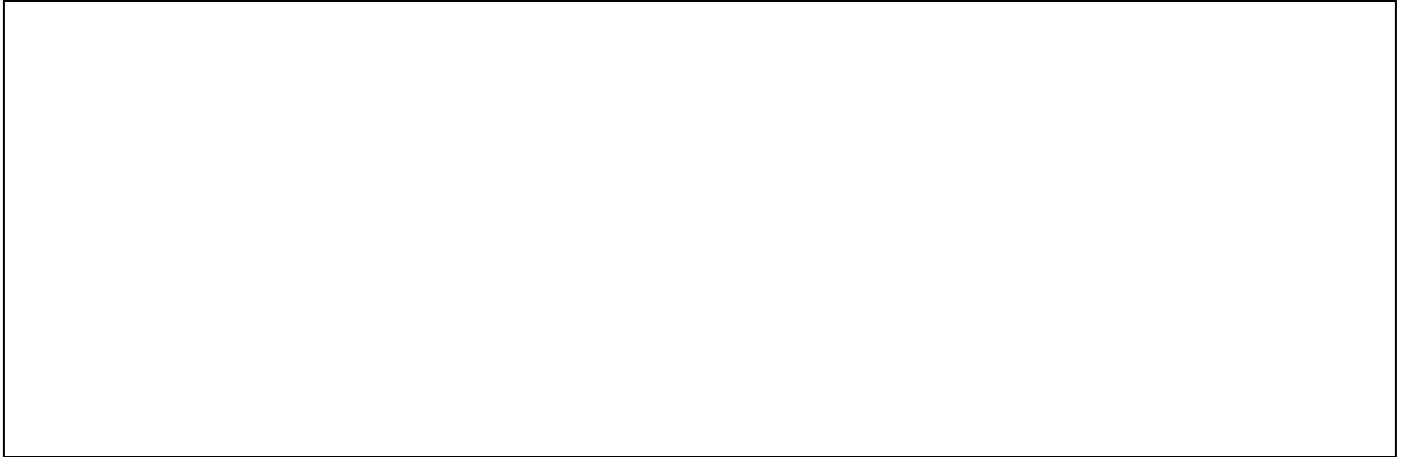
1. Describe the scene on Fourth Street in Anchorage the day of the race.
(8 pts)

2. What does no one want to do, but some must? (4 pts)

3. How did Gary Paulsen get the moose off the path? (4 pts)

4. Was his action to move the moose a smart thing to do? Why or why not? (8 pts)

5. Draw a picture which illustrates how Gary Paulsen described how he left Anchorage. Use page 90 to help you illustrate the description.
(8 pts)



6. Describe what a musher must do in order to take care of the dogs on the trail. (8 pts)

7. Why does Gary Paulsen start to hallucinate? (4 pts)

8. Describe one of Gary Paulsen's hallucinations. Give details from the story. (8 pts)

Woodsong
Days 3-4
Comprehension Worksheet

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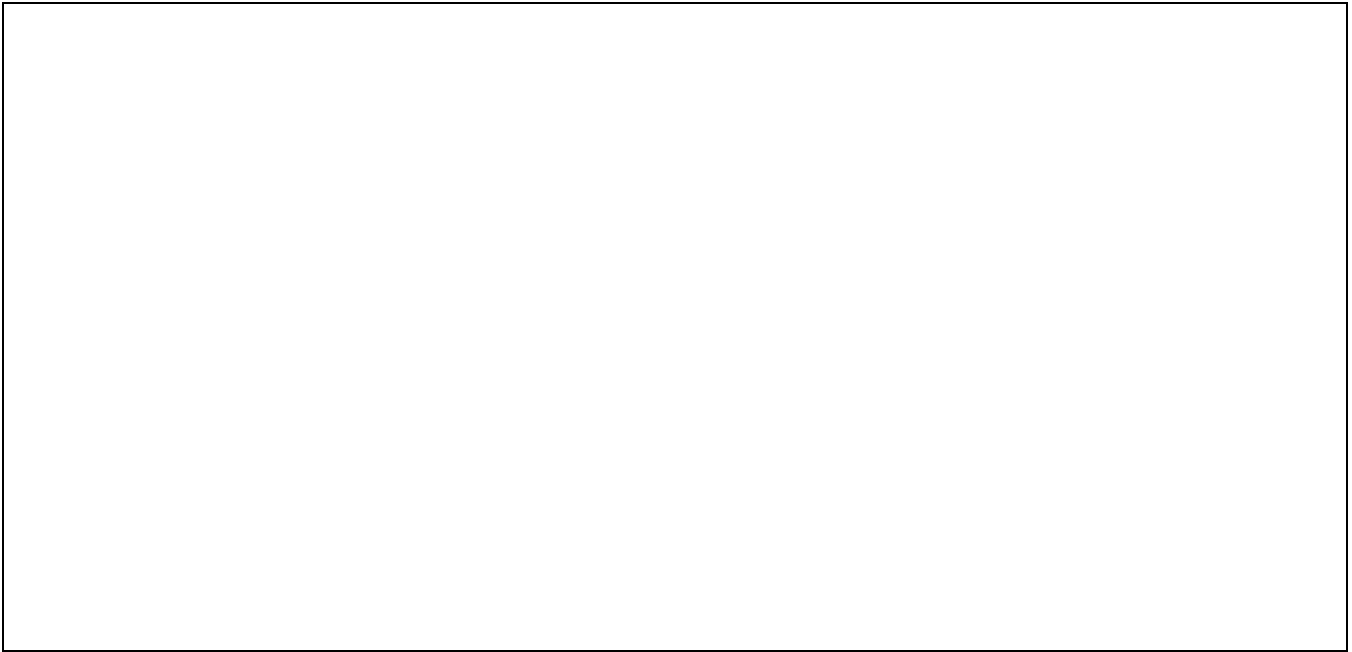
Directions: Using Days 3-4, answer the following questions with complete sentences. (28 pts)

1. What is Gary Paulsen's dream, even though he knows he won't achieve it? (4 pts)

2. Describe Gary Paulsen's adventure down "The Gut". (8 pts)

3. Why does Gary Paulsen not die from his run down "The Gut"? (4 pts)

4. Choose a scene from either Day 3 or Day 4. Illustrate your scene.
Describe your illustration. (12 pts)



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Days 5-6
Comprehension Worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Using Days 5-6, answer the following questions with complete sentences. (36 pts)

1. Describe the scene that Gary Paulsen witnessed at Rhone River during his twenty-four hour layover. (8 pts)

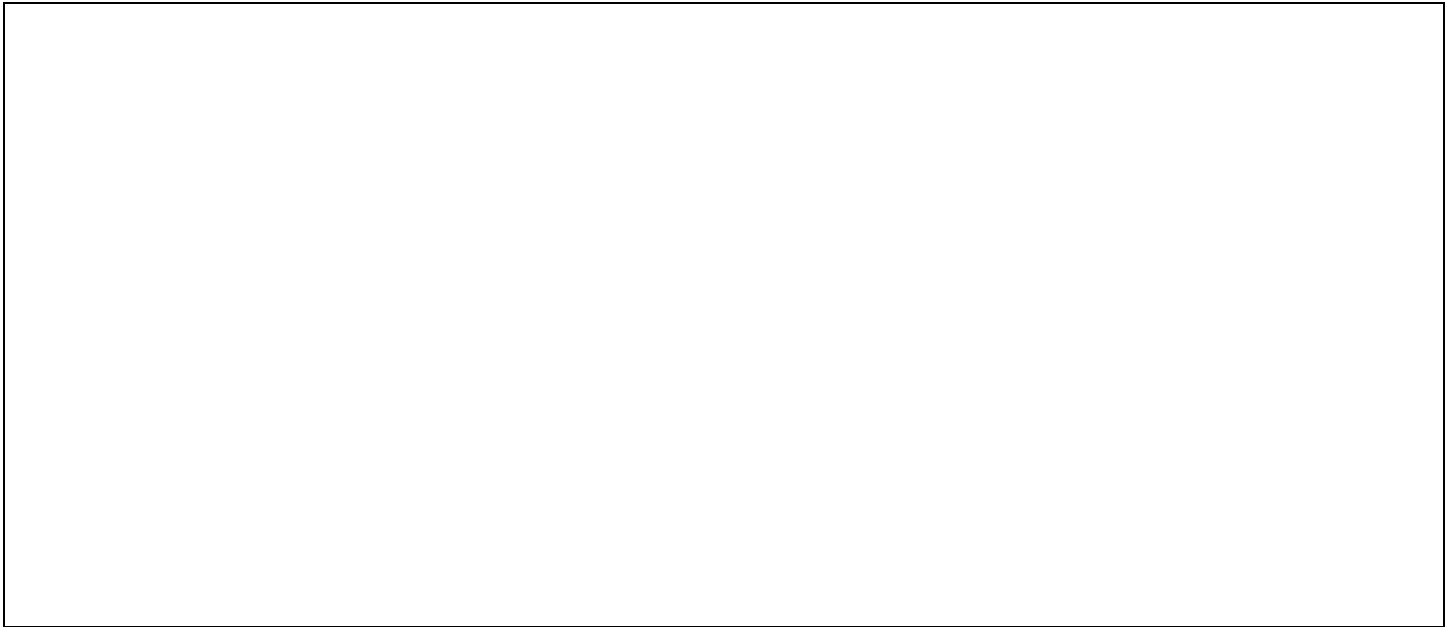
2. Why do you think there are so many rumors? (4 pts)

3. What is the Burn? (4 pts)

4. Describe Gary Paulsen's trip across the Burn. (8 pts)

5. Who comes back to help Gary Paulsen get back on the right trail when the team loses the trail in the Burn? (4 pts)

6. Illustrate the scene with the bull buffalo. Use Day 6 to help you illustrate your scene. (8 pts)



Woodsong
Days 7-8
Comprehension Worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Using Days 7-8, answer the following questions with complete sentences. (24 pts)

1. What happened when the man threw the sodas into Gary Paulsen's bag? (4 pts)

2. Why was Wilson sucking his paw? (4 pts)

3. Why does Wilson start falling over? (4 pts)

4. Why doesn't Gary Paulsen admit that he was the musher saying Willy? (4 pts)

5. Illustrate a scene that depicts Wilson running on three paws or falling falling over while running. Use the descriptions in your book to help you illustrate the scene. Explain your illustration. (1 2 pts)



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Days 9-10
Comprehension Worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Using Days 9-10, answer the following questions with complete sentences. (28 pts)

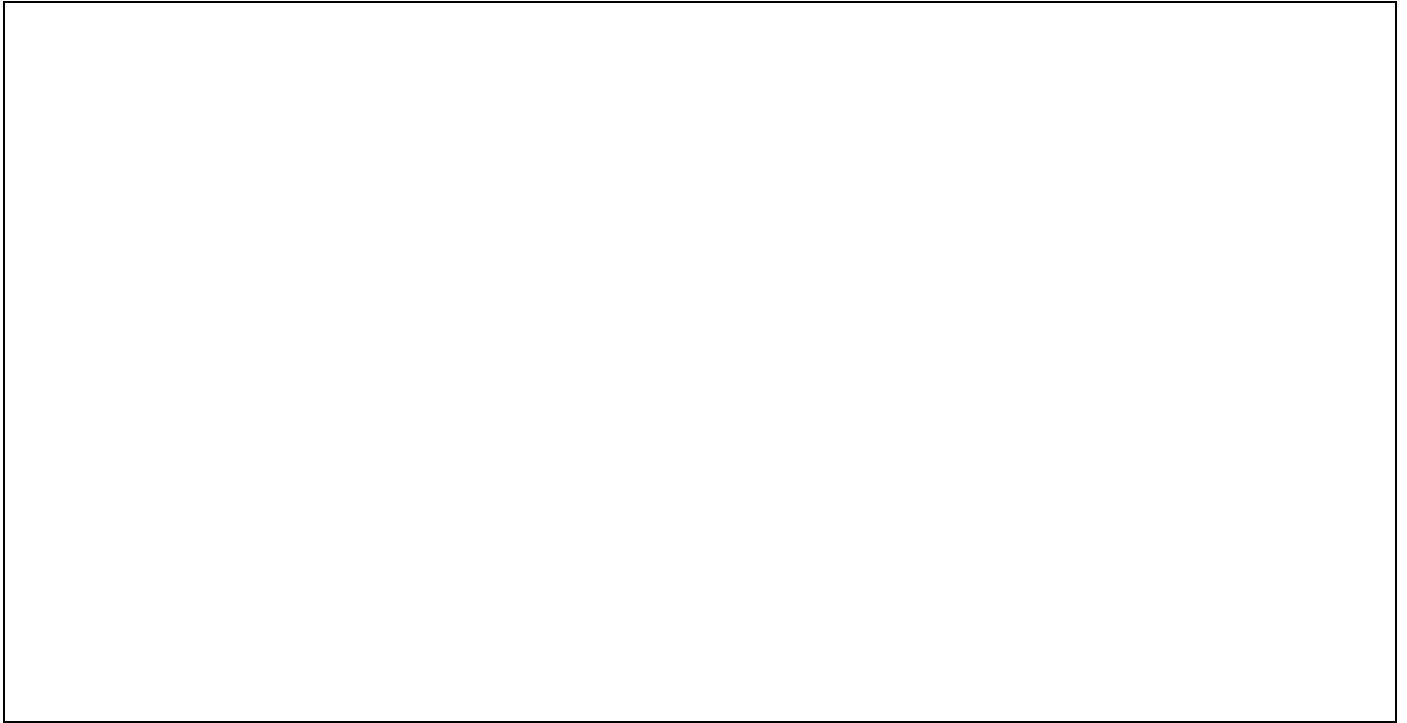
1. Why does the man in plane want to breed his wolf with Gary Paulsen's dogs? (4 pts)

2. What do the people from the villages do every year? (4 pts)

3. Why does Gary Paulsen not have any food for himself? (4 pts)

4. What seems to settle into the Yukon Valley? (4 pts)

5. Illustrate a scene that depicts the description that Gary Paulsen gives of the Yukon Valley. Be sure to reread Day 10, so your illustration is accurate. Then write at least two sentences describing your illustration. (12 points)



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Days 11-14
Comprehension Worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Using Days 11-14, answer the following questions with complete sentences. (32 pts)

1. What happens when Gary Paulsen breathes the cold air straight into his throat? (4 pts)

2. What has changed about Gary Paulsen by Day 12? (4 pts)

3. What is happening in Nome as Gary Paulsen is sitting in the fourth to last checkpoint? (4 pts)

4. Give two examples of rumors that Gary Paulsen has heard. (8 pts)

Woodsong
Days 15-17
Comprehension Worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Using Days 15-17, answer the following questions with complete sentences. (36 pts)


1. Why does the ice give Gary Paulsen's a "joy to run"? (4 pts)

2. Why is Gary Paulsen stunned by what the Eskimo boy tells him? (4 pts)

3. Why do you think Gary Paulsen does not want to go to Nome at the end of race? (4 pts)

4. What happened to break the spell of Gary Paulsen wanting to turn around and head back on to the Iditarod? (4 pts)

5. Draw your favorite scene from the entire story. Tell why this is your favorite part. (12 points)



6. Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not? (8 pts)
