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Q 1. What was the name of Buck's owner?

Q 2. How did Manuel ensure that Buck obeyed the stranger at the rail flag station?

Q 3. Why did Manuel kidnap and sell Buck?

Q 4. Why did Perrault purchase Buck?

Q 5. Why were the onlookers laughing when Buck first stepped onto the deck when the propeller stopped?

II Make five sentences using words from the glossary. Each sentence should contain at least two words from the glossary.

III Dogs are the most popular house pets in the world. Do you have a pet? Write an essay on your pet, or on any animal that you would like to have as a pet.

IV Buck does not know it, but life as he has known it is going to change drastically for him now that he has been abducted. He will lose many of the things that he had at Judge Miller's place, things that every pet dog needs. Ten of these things are listed below, but some of the letters are missing. Use the letters in the box to fill in the blanks. Cross out each letter as you have used it.

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E T S I O L A Y D G O O H K N A N Y E O E O O W N

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Q 1. How did Curly die?

Q 2. What were the positions of Buck, Dave and Spitz in the harness?

Q 3. How did the dogs keep warm in the snow?

Q 4. What were the changes that came about in Buck over the course of the journey?

Q 5. How was Perrault saved from drowning each time he went into the ice?

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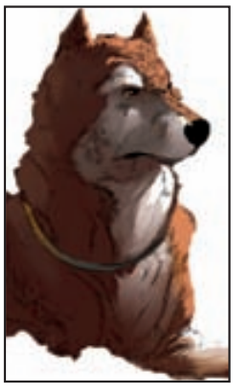
III Besides Buck, we have so far met Dave, Spitz, Sol-leks, and Curly. Which one do you like best? Which one do you like least? Why?

IV Imagine you are working as a courier in the snowy Arctic lands and have to transport a package using a team of five dogs. Which dogs would you use, and why? A few examples of dog breeds you can use are below. Feel free to use any others that you can think of. Also assign positions to the dogs, and give them names.



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Newfoundland

Huskie

Malamute

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Q 1. How did Francoise help Buck when he had trouble walking in the snow?

Q 2. How did Buck and Pike start the revolt against Spitz's authority?

Q 3. How did the final fight between Buck and Spitz start?

Q 4. How did Buck convince the dog-drivers to make him the leader after Spitz had been defeated?

Q 5. Who was Buck's new owner and what did he do?

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III The author, Jack London, has written about Buck as if he is a human being. When we attribute human traits and feelings to animals, the technique is called anthropomorphism. This word comes from the Greek words for 'human' and 'form.' When we anthropomorphise something, we give it human form, or human characteristics. Although London didn't make him walk upright and talk, he gives Buck human characteristics. Let us do the same. Take any animal of your choice, and describe it with human traits. It may be your pet, or the pet of somebody you know, or even the stray dogs around your locality. For example, Buck was courageous and had good leadership qualities. Give your chosen animal at least seven human traits.

IV Buck's overthrowing Spitz reveals an important law of nature: Survival of the Fittest. According to the scientist Charles Darwin, all life evolved from a single-celled organism, which adapted according to its environment. The adaptations took different forms in different species, and only the ones that were fit enough to survive made it to the next generation. This is why many species, such as dinosaurs, are now extinct, while others thrive. Man is descended directly from an early species of apes. How do you think dogs evolved? Draw a small chart showing what you think may have been the progression from single-celled organisms to dogs.

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Q 1. What did Buck see in the fire?

Q 2. How did Dave protest against being taken out of the team?

Q 3. What did the Half-Scot finally do to Dave when the rest of the team had left?

Q 4. What does Mercedes do to help the dogs which actually ends up harming them?

Q 5. How many dogs from the team died before Hal, Mercedes and Charles reached John Thornton's camp?

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III Although Buck does his best to keep the dogs in line and perform his functions as a leader of the team, the dogs cannot perform well enough due to the ill treatment they are receiving. What makes a good leader? Which leadership traits did Buck possess?

IV Before John Thornton, Buck has had four different owners, who each treated him very differently. Imagine you could write to them about the way they treat their dogs. What would you say? Write it.

Judge Miller

Francoise and Perrault

The Half-Scot

Hal, Charles and Mercedes

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Q 1. Who were John Thornton's other dogs?

Q 2. How did Thornton test Buck's loyalty?

Q 3. What were the terms of the bet that Thornton had made?

Q 4. What did they find when they were searching for Thornton's fabled mine?

Q 5. What were the things that stood out in Buck's vision about the other world?

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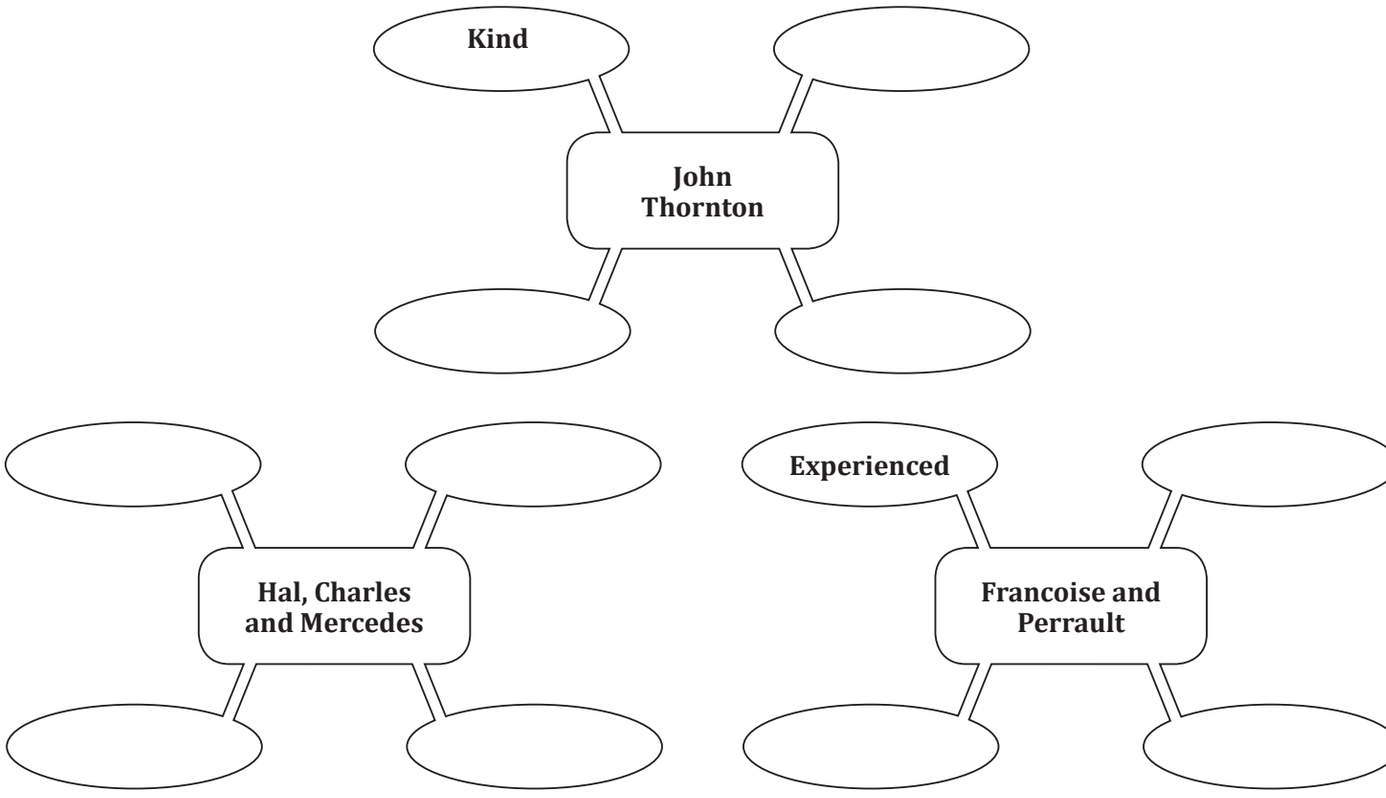
III Thornton is the one owner who inspires genuine love and affection in Buck. What do you think the reasons for this are? Write down words or phrases describing the characteristics of Buck's different owners, in the spaces provided.



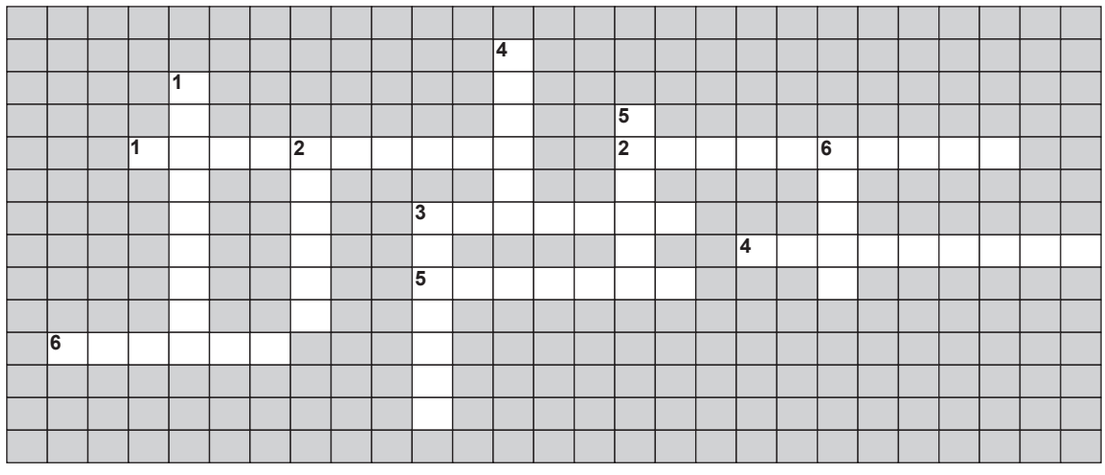
IV Below is a crossword using elements we have encountered in our reading of the book. See how fast you can solve it!

Across

1. (10) What your mother gives you when you behave badly.
2. (10) A desirous/good quality associated with the head of a team.
3. (7) An arrangement of straps fitted to a draft animal so that it can be attached to and pull a cart.
4. (9) An act of betrayal.
5. (7) A town in southeastern Alaska.
6. (6) A vehicle drawn by dogs or horses, for transporting people or goods, especially over snow.

Down

1. (9) A region in the south of a country or area.
2. (6) What a barbarian is considered to be.
3. (7) A breed of wild, aggressive dogs used for pulling sleighs. They can resist extremely chilly weather and have a wolf-like appearance.
4. (6) The owner or keeper of an animal or slave.
5. (6) The largest state of the USA, located in the extreme northwest of North America.
6. (5) To refuse to obey.



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Q 1. How long did Buck run with the wild brother?

Q 2. Did Buck succeed in all his hunting attempts?

Q 3. What advantage did Buck have when he killed the bear?

Q 4. What did Buck discover when he finally went back to John Thornton's camp after hunting the moose?

Q 5. What is the legend of the Ghost Dog that is told among the Yeehats?

II Make five sentences using words from the glossary. Each sentence should contain at least two words from the glossary.

III How did you feel about Buck becoming wild? Did you feel happy about it or did you feel that it was a sad departure from the civilised world? How would you change what happened to him? Take a poll on whether his going back to the wild was a good thing or not, and discuss in class.

IV Draw a chart marking Buck's progress from the sun-kissed Santa Clara Valley to the wild valley of the Yeehats, and mark the changes that occurred in him at each location. You may make it like a rough map, with symbols to indicate the places where these changes occurred, and write the changes in points alongside.