

Before Reading

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1 (possible answers)
Carnivorous, Friendly, Dangerous, Useful, Intelligent, Loyal, Faithful. Domesticated, Strong

3 1. c 2. f 3. e 4. a 5. b 6. d

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a) Alaska belongs to the United States of America.
b) Alaska is located in the north west of Canada.
c) The climate is cold. The south of Alaska is milder and wetter while the north is colder with snow and ice all year around.
d) Polar bears, brown bears, wolves, eagles and foxes are Alaska's native animals.
e) The first inhabitants of Alaska arrived from Asia during the Ice Age.

6 People discovered gold there.

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13 1. d 2. c 3. f 4. a 5. g 6. b 7. e

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- Buck has lost his sense of trust. He feels that man is now someone who has to be obeyed.
- His feelings have changed because he has been physically beaten and he has watched other dogs being beaten.

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- He means a sense of respect and treating each other in a decent way.

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- Buck's new life is difficult. He works hard and uses different strategies to survive as well as possible in the hostile environment.
- His old life was comfortable; this life is totally different.
- He has learned how to dig a hole in the snow to keep warm while sleeping, behave while pulling the sled and steal food without being caught in order not to be hungry.

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- Perrault and François are hard workers who are not afraid to take risks and determined to get to their destination.

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- Buck and Spitz have got a bad relationship. Spitz is very aggressive towards Buck and tries to hurt him at every opportunity. He seems to hate Buck because he perceives him to challenge his position as the lead dog. François thinks Buck will eventually beat Spitz.

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- Buck wins the fight by tricking Spitz.

- He is called 'the primitive beast' because he used his primitive instincts to win the fight.

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- No, they are not sorry because Spitz caused trouble.

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- They think that Buck is very good because he is a good and instinctive leader, and the dog team works well under him.

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- Buck dreams about a primitive man.
- The 'earlier' world is a world thousands of years ago.
- The 'short, hairy man' is a primitive man.
- This world is important to Buck because by following his instincts he is getting closer and closer to an older and more primitive way of life.

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- Dave had been left to die because he was too weak to continue the journey.

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- Buck's new owners are two men and a woman. The men are out of place and the woman is unhelpful. They are unorganized.

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- Buck has learned how to survive in even the most hostile circumstances. He now knew how to survive in any situation.
- He is strong and intelligent with a highly developed survival instinct.

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- It is Buck's natural instinct calling to him.

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- He decides to leave the wolf because he feels loyal to Thornton.

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- Buck senses that something terrible has happened.
- The camp has been attacked by Yeehat Indians and all the men are dead.

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- Buck no longer feels the need to stay in a civilized society as Thornton is dead. He is free to become wild.

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- The 'Ghost Dog' is probably Buck.

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- 6
- Manuel was one of the men who helped in Judge Miller's garden. He sold Buck at the start of the story.
 - The dog-breaker is a man in Seattle who beats dogs in order to make them tame.
 - François is French-Canadian who buys Buck along with

another man and takes him on his first journey across Alaska.

- e) Hal is a young man who buys Buck along with Charles and Mercedes.
- f) John Thornton saves Buck from Hal.

- 7 Buck learned how to survive.
- 8 Spitz is Buck's antagonist in the story. Buck learns to defend himself from Spitz and to beat him.
- 9 Buck's feet were soft and François makes little shoes for him.
- 10 The huskies howled at these times. This helps Buck get in touch with his primitive side.
- 11 They made the record run because the weather conditions were good.

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- 12 Buck pretended he was going to jump and bite in the usual place but at the last minute he attacked Spitz in a different way.
- 13 Buck dreamt of an ancient primitive world that represents the 'Wild' in the title of the book.
- 14 A Scotsman and his mates bought Buck and the team. The men worked hard but they were fair.
- 15 John Thornton sees Hal hitting Buck and he intervenes and saves him.
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 - a) He defends Thornton from Black Burton in a fight.
 - b) He saves Thornton when he falls into the river.
 - c) He pulls the sled with 500 kilos of flour in order to win a bet.
- 17 He meets a wolf and they run through the forest together.
- 18 The camp is attacked by Yeehat Indians and all the men are killed.
- 19 In the end Buck becomes wild.

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- 20 (possible answer)
 - a) Manuel is dishonest and greedy.
 - b) François is fair and is a hard-worker.
 - c) Hal is disorganized and bad-tempered.
 - d) John Thornton is fair and respectful.

- 21 (possible answer)
 - a) Spitz is aggressive and ambitious.
 - b) Curly is friendly but weak.
 - c) Dave and Sol-leks want to be left alone.
 - d) Skeet and Nig are good-natured.

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- 22 (possible answer)
 - a) At the start of the book Buck is strong and good-natured. He belongs to Judge Millar and has an easy comfortable life. At the end of the book he has developed his survival instinct to the full and has returned to the primitive beast that dogs once were.
- 23 Buck rushes at the Indians like a hurricane attacking and killing them.
- 24 He wins the respect of the pack by defending himself and fighting them off.

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- 27 The story is told by a third person narrator who is not in the story.
- 28 b
- 29 This gives us a sense of Buck's development and how

events effect and change him.

- 30 (possible answer)
 - a) The dog-breaker, Hal
 - b) Buck's loyalty to John Thornton
 - c) Manuel sells Buck in order to pay his debt.
 - d) Buck realizes they should not cross the frozen lake.
 - e) Buck feels the call of the wild (his roots) as something strong and natural.

- 31 The book covers a period of a little over a year.

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- 32 (possible answer)
 - Buck's arrival in Alaska.
 - Buck's first journey with François and Perrault.
 - Buck's fight with Spitz and becomes the leader of the team.
 - Buck starts to dream about the past.
 - Buck is sold to Hal, Charles and Mercedes.
 - John Thornton saves Buck.
 - Buck hears the 'call of the wild'.
 - John Thornton is killed.

- 33 (possible answer) b
- 34 Buck's learning to trust and use his instincts, his dreams and his meeting with the wolf.
- 35 He means that Buck is still not in touch with his wilder, primitive side.

Test

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 - a) ✓ b) ✓ c) X d) X e) X f) ✓ g) X

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 - f) 1 g) 2 h) 3 g) 4