

READING RESPONSE CHOICE BOARD

Select a reading challenge from the choices below. Be sure that you include textual details in your response.

<p>CHALLENGE #1</p> <p>Make PREDICTIONS. What do you think will happen next in the PLOT? Explain and support your predictions.</p>	<p>CHALLENGE #2</p> <p>Doodle SKETCHES of 4 important characters. Below each doodle write why the character is important.</p>	<p>CHALLENGE #3</p> <p>Give the book you are reading an AWARD (good or bad). Explain why the book deserves the award you created.</p>	<p>CHALLENGE #4</p> <p>Design a MOVIE POSTER for the book you are reading. Write 4+ sentences summarizing the book to accompany the poster.</p>
<p>CHALLENGE #5</p> <p>Write a pretend EMAIL to the author of the book. Share your thoughts on the story. Ask the author questions.</p>	<p>CHALLENGE #6</p> <p>Write about how this book relates to your OWN LIFE. Describe how the characters, settings, and plot connect to you.</p>	<p>CHALLENGE #7</p> <p>Write about a CHARACTER that you admire. What qualities do you admire? What makes the character special?</p>	<p>CHALLENGE #8</p> <p>Think of 3 REASONS why others should read this book. Write 2 sentences to support each of your reasons.</p>
<p>CHALLENGE #9</p> <p>Imagine that you have to give the main character a GIFT. Write about what you would give the main character and explain why.</p>	<p>CHALLENGE #10</p> <p>Draw a MEMORABLE scene from your reading. Write a summary of the scene under your sketch.</p>	<p>CHALLENGE #11</p> <p>Make a TOP 10 LIST of the best parts of the book so far.</p>	<p>CHALLENGE #12</p> <p>WRITE about the book you are reading. Incorporate the following words in your response: favorite, think, curious, happy.</p>
<p>CHALLENGE #13</p> <p>Write a LETTER to the protagonist in the book. The protagonist is often the story's hero. Share your reactions to his or her actions in the book.</p>	<p>CHALLENGE #14</p> <p>Write a NEWS ARTICLE about an important event in the book. Be sure to answer the questions WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, and WHY.</p>	<p>CHALLENGE #15</p> <p>Create a list of 5 LESSONS you have learned about life from this book. Connect the lessons to events in the book.</p>	<p>CHALLENGE #16</p> <p>Sketch a postcard from a SETTING in the book. Then, write a description of the setting and an explanation for its significance.</p>

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Book Report

PICK 7

Due date has not been given yet.

CHALLENGE #1

Make PREDICTIONS.
What do you think will
happen next in the
PLOT? Explain and
support your
predictions.

Challenge #1 Making Predictions

Things that I think will happen next in
Hatchet:

-Brian will have a severe concussion and cuts from the plane crash. I also think he will have a broken arm from the car crash. Perhaps he will need to create a sling out of materials he finds in the woods.

-A search party will be sent out to find Brian. Brian must learn how to survive before the rescue team finds him.

-Brian will learn how to hunt and fish. He will become a pro at this.

CHALLENGE #2

Doodle SKETCHES of 4 important characters. Below each doodle write why the character is important.

Challenge #2 Character Sketches



Brian Robeson is the main character in the story. He must learn how to survive the Canadian wilderness with nothing but his wit's and survival instincts.



The great Canadian wilderness acts like a character in the book. It can be a mean and scary place. It can also be place of peace and beauty for Brian.



The story begins with the pilot dying from a heart attack while flying the plane that Brian is on. This is the catalyst for all of the events that follow in the story.



Brian's mom plays an important part in the story as Brian thinks back to his mom and "the secret". We spend much of the book not knowing what "the secret" is.

CHALLENGE #3

Give the book you are reading an AWARD (good or bad). Explain why the book deserves the award you created.

Challenge #3 Book Award

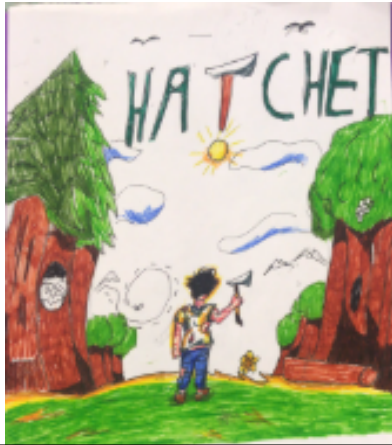


If I were to give Hatchet an award, I would give it the "Page Turner" award. I chose this award because Hatchet keeps the reader on their feet. Each chapter ends with wondering what is going to happen next. This makes the audience want to keep reading. I found myself often wanting to read "just one more page".

CHALLENGE #4

Design a **MOVIE POSTER** for the book you are reading. Write 4+ sentences summarizing the book to accompany the poster.

Challenge #4 Movie Poster



With only a hatchet his mother gave him as a gift before the trip and the clothes on his back, Brian has to figure out how to survive while he battles the elements of nature: weather, wildlife and all the challenges that come with it.

Brian changes and grows as a person as a result of this experience. Will he survive? Will he be rescued? Read the book to find out!

CHALLENGE #5

Write a pretend EMAIL
to the author of the
book. Share your
thoughts on the story.
Ask the author
questions.

Challenge #5 Pretend E-mail

Hey Mr. Polsen!

I really enjoyed your book! Our class read it. I
your book. Can you recommend any other
books like this one? I was also wondering if
there is a sequel to Hatchet? How is it that
Brian Robeson survived the plane crash with
barely any injury? I also wondered why you
chose to name the book Hatchet? I didn't
find the Hatchet to be all that helpful to
him...

Thanks so much for listening!

Sincerely,

Scott (Grade 6)

P.S: You're a great writer! I feel like I could
survive in the Canadian wilderness now :).

CHALLENGE #6

Write about how this book relates to your OWN LIFE. Describe how the characters, settings, and plot connect to you.

Challenge #6 Relating to my Life

Hatchet really spoke to me because I can relate to Brian's journey of facing tough challenges. Like him, I've felt overwhelmed and uncertain at times, whether it's with school, personal struggles, or just life in general. Brian learns to adapt and keep going, even when things seem impossible, and that's something I've had to do too. His ability to stay strong and trust himself through tough moments reminds me that growth often comes from struggle, and that I can overcome my own obstacles with patience and resilience.

CHALLENGE #7

Write about a CHARACTER that you admire. What qualities do you admire? What makes the character special?

Challenge #7 Character I Admire

I admire Brian Robeson because he's incredibly resourceful and determined. Even when everything seemed impossible after the crash, he didn't give up. He learned to adapt, think on his feet, and stay calm in scary situations. His strength, both physical and mental, is inspiring, and I admire how he grew from being scared and lost to becoming confident and capable. It shows that even in the toughest times, you can find a way to survive and grow.

CHALLENGE #8

Think of 3 REASONS why others should read this book. Write sentences to support each of your reasons.

Challenge #8 Recommend This Book

Here's why I'd recommend reading Hatchet by Gary Paulsen:

Exciting Survival Story: It's packed with action and suspense as Brian, the main character, fights to survive alone in the wilderness.

Relatable Character: Brian feels like a real person. His thoughts, struggles, and growth make it easy to connect with him.

Teaches Life Lessons: You learn about resilience, problem-solving, and how to stay calm under pressure.

Vivid Descriptions: The way the wilderness is described makes you feel like you're right there with Brian.

Quick and Engaging Read: It's not too long, and the chapters keep you hooked, perfect for anyone who might not love reading.

It's a book that's hard to put down and leaves you thinking even after you're done!

CHALLENGE #9

Imagine that you have to give the main character a GIFT. Write about what you would give the main character and explain why.

Challenge #9 A Gift

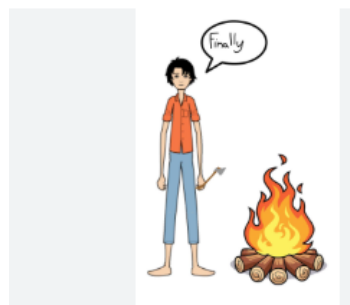


I would give Brian a multipurpose survival tool, like a Swiss Army knife. It would help him with cutting, building shelter, starting fires, and other tasks he struggled with in the wilderness. This gift could make his survival journey a bit easier and safer.

CHALLENGE #10

Draw a MEMORABLE scene from your reading. Write a summary of the scene under your sketch.

Challenge #10 Memorable Scene



One of the most memorable scenes from *Hatchet* is when Brian figures out how to make fire. After many frustrating attempts, he finally succeeds by striking his hatchet against a rock to create sparks. It's such a powerful moment because it shows his determination and intelligence. You can feel his excitement and relief as the fire starts, knowing it will keep him warm, cook food, and protect him from animals. This scene stood out to me because it marks a turning point in his survival journey, proving he can adapt and survive on his own.

CHALLENGE #11

Challenge #11 Top 10 Parts

Make a TOP 10 LIST of the best parts of the book so far.

1.	The Plane Crash - Intense start that sets the stage for Brian's survival.
2.	Discovering the Hatchet's Use - Realizing its importance for survival.
3.	Making Fire - A breakthrough moment of self-reliance.
4.	First Successful Hunt - Catching fish and feeling accomplished.
5.	Surviving a Moose Attack - Shows Brian's resilience.
6.	Building a Shelter - His resourcefulness in creating a safe space.
7.	The Tornado - A terrifying event that changes everything.
8.	Finding the Survival Pack - A treasure trove of helpful tools.
9.	Learning to Live with Nature - Brian's growth and respect for the wild.
10.	The Rescue - A satisfying conclusion to his journey.

CHALLENGE #12

WRITE about the book you are reading. Incorporate the following words in your response: favorite, think, curious, happy.

Challenge #12 About the Book

My favorite part of Hatchet was when Brian made fire for the first time. It made me think about how hard it would be to survive in the wilderness alone. I was curious about how he would keep finding food and stay safe. Overall, I felt happy seeing how much Brian grew stronger and more confident through his challenges.

CHALLENGE #13

Write a LETTER to the protagonist in the book. The protagonist is often the story's hero. Share your reactions to his or her actions in the book.

Challenge #13 Letter to Brian

Dear Brian,

Hi! My name is Simon, and I just finished reading *Hatchet*. I can't believe everything you went through! You were so brave, especially after the plane crash. I don't know if I could survive like you did. My favorite part was when you made fire—it was like you discovered something magical!

I also think it's cool how you learned to catch fish and build your own shelter. I was curious about what was going through your mind when you faced the moose and the tornado. Even though it must've been really scary, you never gave up, and that made me happy to see.

If I were in your shoes, I'd probably miss home a lot, but you stayed so strong. Thanks for teaching me about survival and never giving up. I think you're an awesome role model!

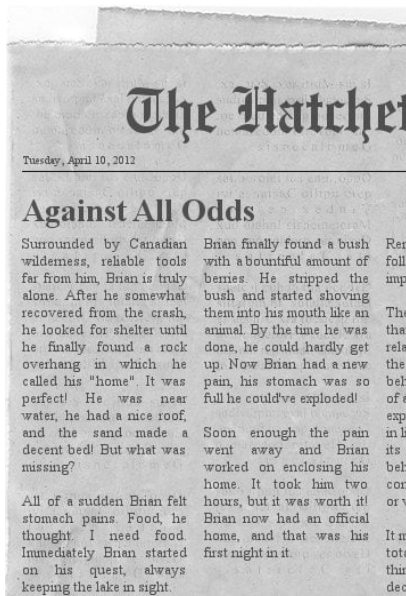
Sincerely,
Simon

CHALLENGE #14

Write a NEWS ARTICLE about an important event in the book. Be sure to answer the questions WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, and WHY.

Challenge #14 News Article

Complete on white paper



HATCHET

5W'S NEWS REPORT

You are a news reporter live on the scene. Your job is to fill the audience in on the exciting events taking place. Remember to include the 5w's in your report.

To help you in reporting, you may wish to:

- Interview witnesses
- Question those involved
- Examine evidence

Your assignment must:

- Include thorough discussion of the 5w's
- Use information from the novel to teach audience what is going on



CHALLENGE #15

Create a list of 5 LESSONS you have learned about life from this book. Connect the lessons to events in the book.

Challenge #15 Lessons Learned

Here are five personal lessons I learned from reading *Hatchet*:

1. Stay Calm in Tough Situations

When Brian's plane crashed, he stayed as calm as he could and started thinking about how to survive. I learned that panicking doesn't help, and it's better to stay focused and solve problems.

2. Be Resourceful

Brian used everything he had, like his hatchet, to help him survive. It taught me that even small things can be really important if you use them creatively.

3. Never Give Up

Even when things seemed impossible, like making fire or finding food, Brian kept trying. I learned that persistence pays off, no matter how hard something seems.

4. Appreciate Nature

Brian learned to live with nature, not fight against it. This made me realize how important it is to respect the environment and see its beauty, even when it's tough.

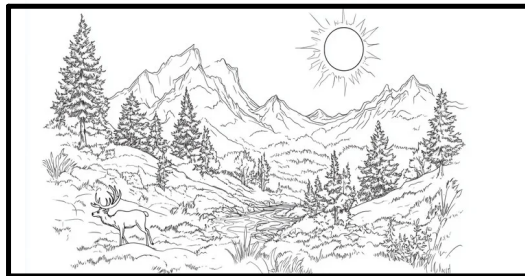
5. You're Stronger Than You Think

Brian didn't know how strong he was until he had to survive on his own. This taught me that I might be stronger and more capable than I think, especially when facing challenges.

CHALLENGE #16

Sketch a postcard from a **SETTING** in the book. Then, write a description of the setting and an explanation for its action significance.

Challenge #16 Postcard Setting



The setting of Hatchet is in the great Canadian wilderness.

Without this setting, the story could not be the same.

All of Brian's challenges occur because he is trying to find ways to survive being alone in the elements of nature.