***The Call of the Wild--Chapter Questions***

**Chapter 1:**

Select one scene from Chapter 1 and draw a picture of the scene. Read the description carefully so your drawing is accurate.

1. How did Buck rule?
2. Describe Buck.
3. Why did Manuel, the gardener, kidnap Buck?
4. How did Buck react to the stranger’s rope?
5. How did the 4 men treat Buck?
6. How did the man in the red sweater in Seattle train Buck?
7. Explain this sentence, “He was beaten, but not broken.”
8. What happened to the one dog who didn’t obey?
9. How much did Perrault pay for Buck?
10. How did Buck and Curly, the Newfoundland get to Alaska?
11. How did Buck act in his first snow?
12. Why is this chapter called “Into the Primitive”?

**Chapter 2**

1. Why was Buck’s first day in Alaska like a nightmare?
2. How did Curly die?
3. Why did Buck hate Spitz?
4. How did Francois and Perrault work Buck?
5. How were the dogs Dave and Sol-leks alike?
6. How did Buck sleep in the snow?
7. What was Perrault’s job?
8. Why was Buck hitched between Dave and Sol-leks on the sled-dog team?
9. When Francois guided the sled, how did Perrault help?
10. Why was Buck always hungry, even though he received a daily ration of 1-1/2 lbs. of salmon?
11. Why was it okay to steal in “The Law of Club and Fang’?
12. Besides experience, how did Buck learn?
13. Give examples of experience and instinct learning.

**Chapter 3**

1. How did Spitz treat Buck?
2. Why was the fight between Spitz and Buck interrupted?
3. How did nine dogs from the team spend the night after the husky attack?
4. Why was Perrault worried about making the 400 mile run to Dawson?
5. Why did Perrault build a fire a dozen times a day?
6. Why wouldn’t Buck get his ration of fish?
7. Why did Buck refuse to rise and lay on his back with 4 feet in the air?
8. How did Francois save Buck from mad Dolly?
9. Why did Francois whip Spitz?
10. Why was there war between Spitz and Buck?
11. Why did Francois whip Buck?
12. Why did Buck howl in Dawson?
13. Give examples of the rebellion against Spitz?
14. When was Buck joyful?
15. How did Buck and Spitz’s fight to the death happen?
16. Why did Buck win the fight with Spitz?

**Chapter 4**

1. Why wouldn’t Buck get into his old sled harness?
2. How did Buck behave as lead dog?
3. Why did Francois say that Buck was worth $1000?
4. Why was the 14-day trip a record run?
5. Who took over the team after Perrault and Francois?
6. Why didn’t Buck like the mail run?
7. Why did Buck like lying by the fire?
8. Who was the hairy man in another world?
9. Why did snow slow the trip?
10. Why did Dave suffer most from the 1800 mile run?
11. How did Dave die?

**Chapter 5**

1. In what ways was the team in a “wretched state” when it reached Skagway?
2. If they’d travelled 2500 miles in 5 months, how many miles did they average per month, per week, and per day?
3. Why didn’t Buck get a rest after the run?
4. Describe Hal and Charles.
5. Describe Charles ‘wife Mercedes.
6. How were Hal, Charles and Mercedes were unfit for the North?
7. Why shouldn’t they take the tent on the trip?
8. Why couldn’t the dogs pull the load?
9. How did the family take the advice, “Half the load, twice the dogs”?
10. Why was 14 dogs too many?
11. Why was this family doomed from the start of the trip?
12. Why did Hal go from overfeeding to underfeeding the dogs?
13. How did Mercedes, Charles and Hal treat each other?
14. Why did Mercedes ride on the sled?
15. Why did Hal trade his gun for horsehide?
16. Why were the seven remaining dogs describe as a ‘bag of bones”?
17. Describe spring in Alaska (p. 65).
18. Why did John Thorton advise them not to go on to Dawson?
19. Why didn’t Buck get up no matter how much Hal beat him?
20. Why didn’t Buck lead the family’s dog sled?
21. What finally happened to the family?

**Chapter 6**

1. Why did Jim Thornton’s friends leave him beside the river?
2. How did Skeet, the Irish setter, care for Buck?
3. What did Jim arouse in Buck?
4. How did the man and Buck express their love for each other?
5. Why did Buck follow Thornton everywhere?
6. Why was Buck called more often into the forest?
7. How did Buck react to Thornton’s command to jump?
8. What happened when Burton struck Thornton?
9. How did Buck save Thornton from the river?
10. How did Buck prove Thornton’s boast was true?
11. Why did the odds go from two-to-one to three-to-one against Buck?
12. What words did Thornton use to command Buck to pull?
13. Why did an onlooker offer Thornton $1200 for Buck

**Chapter 7**

1. How did Thornton spend the $1600?
2. How did Thornton, Pete, and Hans get to the lost mine?
3. In spring, what did they find instead of the lost mine?
4. What dreams did Buck have of the hairy man?
5. How did Buck respond to these strange desires?
6. Who was making the night call?
7. How was Buck rewarded by the wolf?
8. Why was Buck happy running with the wolf?
9. Why did Buck leave the wolf?
10. How did Buck survive for weeks while looking for the wolf?
11. How was Buck transformed when he was in the wild?
12. Why was Buck successful in killing the Bull Moose?
13. Why did the Yeehats flee the camp?
14. How had John Thornton died?
15. Why was Buck ready to obey the calls of the wild?
16. When did Buck join the wolf pack?