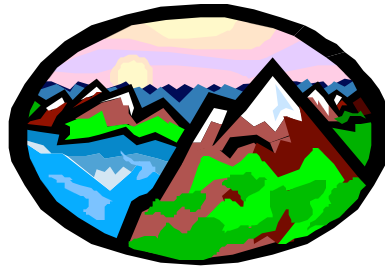


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STUDYGUIDE



English 7/Mr. George

Answer the following study guide questions in **complete sentences** unless told to do otherwise. Writing need not be in cursive, but it should be neat. Some questions clearly call for more than a sentence so use your best judgment. Paragraph Assignments should be written on separate paper and require at least 5 sentences.

Chapter 1:

- 1) Where did Gary Paulsen spend most of his life?
- 2) What was Paulsen doing there?
- 3) What is a "paradox"? (use a dictionary)
- 4) What does Gary mean by the "fairy tale version" of the forest?
- 5) Describe in your own words the early winter morning.(minimum 3 sentences)
- 6) What "exploded out of some willows on the left side of the team"?
- 7) What two ways does Gary Paulsen describe fear?
- 8) Why was the doe frightened?
- 9) Using your knowledge of the wild, explain how and why animals hunt in packs.
- 10) What examples of "predators failing" does Gary Paulsen give?

11) Gary Paulsen writes, "I began to understand that they [the wolves] are not right or wrong--they just are." What does this passage mean and what is Paulsen saying about predators like wolves. (minimum 3 sentences)

12) If you could name this chapter, what would you name it?

Paragraph Assignment --Choose **one!** (the paragraph should be on separate paper and written in cursive. It should also show signs of careful thinking and writing. Be sure to include a topic sentence, plenty of supporting sentences, and a concluding sentence--minimum of five sentences.

A) Consider one particular experience you've had with nature. What happened and what did "mother nature" teach you?

B) Where do you stand when it comes to nature and its violence? Are you bothered by it? Do you accept it? Both? Explain your answer.

C) Why is it that many people view nature as "peaceful" and are often surprised or horrified to discover its darker side?

Chapter 2:

- 1) What were some of the ways that Gary made a living?
- 2) What problem was the state of Minnesota experiencing?
- 3) Why wasn't Gary's trapline successful?
- 4) What were the dogs' names?
- 5) What happened the first time Gary harnessed his dogs?
- 6) What does Gary mean by "I did not even know what I didn't know?"
- 7) Describe Obeah, Gary's lead dog.
- 8) Explain the set-up of Gary's night camp.
- 9) How is running sled dogs like sailing a boat?
- 10) How fast does an average work team travel?

11) Why shouldn't you feed a sled dog dry food when it will be pulling?

12) What is meant by a code or command of a sled dog?

13) What's meant an honest dog?

14) Explain briefly what went wrong with Storm and why.

15) How did Storm react to being in the sled?

16) Why do you think Gary let Storm pull?

17) What was the "one drive" of Storm?

18) What did Gary realize after the long night and episode with Storm?

Chapter 3:

- 1) What happens at 40, 50, or 60 below zero?
- 2) What would Columbia do to bother Olaf?
- 3) Why does Gary choose not to kill or trap after he sees what Columbia does?
- 4) What is the Iditarod?
- 5) Describe in detail what happened to Gary on the "old logging trail.:
- 6) How was he rescued?
- 7) Explain the following quote from page 29: "I knew that somewhere in the dogs, in their humor and the way they thought, they had great, old knowledge, they had something we had lost. And the dogs could teach me."

Paragraph Assignment --Choose **one!** (the paragraph should be on separate paper and written in cursive. It should also show signs of careful thinking and writing. Be sure to include a topic sentence, plenty of supporting sentences, and a concluding sentence--minimum of five sentences.

A) What examples of animal intelligence have you witnessed or do you know about? Write about one.

B) Do you know any truly unique dogs that stand out from other dogs? Why are they unique? Explain what makes them so special.

Chapter 4:

- 1) What does Paulsen say is the greatest difference is between humans and animals?
- 2) How did the year old "pups" act during their hundred mile run?
- 3) How did the pups react to the small camp fire that Paulsen made? Later, how did their reaction change?
- 4) When Paulsen settled in for the night, name 3 things he did to survive?
- 5) Why did the dogs sing?
- 6) How far did the dogs go when he just "let them go?"
- 7) In your own words, describe what happened during the second incident of fire. 33-35 (5-7 sentences)
- 8) Why are the bears attracted to Paulsen's yard?
- 9) Why does Paulsen throw the stick at the bear?

10) What happens?

11) What does Paulsen instinctively want to do once he is safe?

12) What does Paulsen do with the rifle?

Paragraph Assignment --Choose **one!** (the paragraph should be on separate paper and written in cursive. It should also show signs of careful thinking and writing. Be sure to include a topic sentence, plenty of supporting sentences, and a concluding sentence--minimum of seven (7) sentences.

A) In urban and rural areas, animals such as deer, skunks, woodchucks, rats, and pigeons may cause problems for the people who live there. Write about the problems caused by unwanted wildlife that you have heard about or experienced. What might be done to solve these problems?

B) Would you have shot the bear in this chapter? Why or why not?

C) Paulsen says, "When it is all boiled down, I am nothing more and nothing less than any other animal in the woods." Do you agree or disagree? Explain.

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Woodsong/Chapter 5

Directions: circle the letter of the correct answer

- 1) Paulsen had a neighbor that
 - a) had chipmunks that would tease his huskies.
 - b) had chickens that would roost on his stove.
 - c) had chickens that were not housebroken.
 - d) a and c
 - e) b and c

- 2) Hawk, one of Paulsen's animals, was a
 - a) hen.
 - b) weasel.
 - c) husky.
 - d) bear.
 - e) all of the above

- 3) After Gary's dog team ate the grouse in the road, Gary found
 - a) a hidden path leading off into the woods.
 - b) a small patch of roses and daisies.
 - c) a nest of eggs.
 - d) a lost report card envelope.
 - e) Brian Eisenhower's wallet.

- 4) The grouse chicks learned to fly even though their "mother"
 - a) was too tired to eat.
 - b) was a hen.
 - c) was unable to fly.
 - d) a and c
 - e) b and c

- 5) Some of the "images" of Hawk controlling the yard were
 - a) Gary's wife going to her knees with the laundry.
 - b) The cat being chased out of the yard.
 - c) A fox getting hit so hard that "spit flew."
 - d) a and c
 - e) all of the above

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Woodsong/Chapter 6

Directions: Circle the letter of the correct answer

- 1) In the beginning of Chapter 6, Gary was surprised when a red squirrel
 - a) came up and ate right from Gary's hand.
 - b) brutally killed a chipmunk.
 - c) cleverly got into his bird feeder.
 - d) swam almost 100 yards across a forest stream.
 - e) ate Joe Amarosi's nutritious lunch of 37 Snickers bars.

- 2) Later in the chapter, Gary tells of a strange encounter with
 - a) an eerie green-yellow glowing light.
 - b) an ice cave hidden in the side of a mountain.
 - c) an old rotten stump.
 - d) a and c
 - e) all of the above

- 3) Next in this chapter, Gary relates a mysterious story of
 - a) a fox that killed a grouse, but left no trace.
 - b) students that picked letter "e" in number 1
 - c) small birds that would pass berries to each other.
 - d) a and c
 - e) amazing dogs that travel long distances even though they're tired.

- 4) One of the mysterious deer that Gary encountered
 - a) accidentally jumped into his parked sled and scared the dogs.
 - b) stretched its nose out to let a young boy touch it.
 - c) jump into a stream to avoid a swarm of flies.
 - d) b and c
 - e) a and c

- 5) Gary's final encounter is with a(n) _____ that is frozen solid.
 - a) moose
 - b) wolf
 - c) deer
 - d) musher
 - e) arctic homework-eating anteater

Chapter 8

1) Why did Gary make camp instead of returning home?

2) In a short paragraph, explain three things that the "friend" did to help Gary and his dogs get home. (3 sentences minimum)

3) This chapter is about *dreams* and *hallucinations*. Choose a strange dream perhaps even a hallucination that you have had, and explain it in writing. (4 sentences minimum)

4) What happened to the "friend" at the end of chapter 8?(1-2 sentences)

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English 7/Woodson: *The Race*

Day 1

- 1) Gary describes leaving Anchorage on the first day of the race as
 - a. just madness
 - b. dull and uneventful
 - c. extremely fun
- 2) Before Gary and his dogs can race, they must
 - a. eat their fill of food.
 - b. rest carefully before the race.
 - c. watch many mushers and racers go by them.
- 3) According to Gary, the worst thing that can happen to a musher is
 - a. to fall off your sled.
 - b. lose a dog during the race.
 - c. to scratch from the race.
- 4) The race through Anchorage is actually
 - a. just done for television.
 - b. the hardest part of the Iditarod race.
 - c. the longest part of the trail.
- 5) One of the first encounters that Gary has while racing is with
 - a. another musher heading the wrong direction.
 - b. a moose who won't move from the trail
 - c. a frozen waterfall and river blocking his path.
- 6) When Gary realizes he is lost and turns around, he sees that
 - a. he can't go back the way he came.
 - b. many other mushers have followed his trail.
 - c. he is being followed by a mysterious animal.
- 7) After reading the chapter, Day 1, one might give it the title,
 - a. "Hard Work Pays Off"
 - b. "Crazy Day with Wrong Turns"
 - c. "Great Dogs Make Racing Easier"

Bonus:

Using what history you've learned about the Iditarod, who is the "older man who is famous" that gives Gary a cookie?

Answer: _____

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Fill in the blanks with the correct information from the chapter and in your own words

Day 2:

1) Gary says that the dogs are "magnificent" but have "many needs". Name three needs that the dogs have when they are being raced.

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

2) When Gary runs up along the dogs to tend to their feet, he _____

_____ .

3) By the second night, Gary begins to experience _____

_____ .

4) At one point, the "little white jet" of snow that spurts up from the dogs' feet looks like _____ .

5) The imaginary man in Gary's sled is wearing _____

_____ and carrying _____ .

6) By the time it is dawn and Gary stops to camp, it is perhaps _____ degrees below zero.