

The Call of the Wild Stage 1

Answer Key

A) TRUE OR FALSE

1. Manuel was Buck's first owner. T F
2. People who rushed to the North needed dogs with strong muscles and long fur. T F
3. Buck was the only dog at Judge Miller's house. T F
4. When Buck killed Spitz, Perrault immediately brought him to the leader position. T F
5. Perrault was a weak and inexperienced driver. T F
6. The sled dogs were ready to end Spitz's leadership. T F
7. Buck didn't let Perrault bring another dog to the leader position. T F
8. Thornton and his friends found the Lost Cabin. T F
9. Thornton and his friends found gold in a valley while they were looking for the Lost Cabin. T F
10. Only Thornton survived when the Yeehats attacked the camp. T F

B) CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER

1. Thousands of people rushed to the North Pole _____.
A) to bring fur B) to explore the North Pole first
 C) to find gold D) to hunt wolves
2. Manuel sold Buck to a stranger because _____.
A) he never liked Buck
 B) he needed money very much
C) Judge Miller asked him to do so
D) Buck wasn't a good dog
3. When the stranger tied a rope around Buck's neck, Buck tried to attack him, but he couldn't because _____.
A) the stranger was very strong
 B) of the rope around his neck
C) Manuel hit him with a club
D) his mouth was tied
4. Perrault paid _____ dollars to buy Buck.
A) one thousand B) one hundred
 C) three hundred D) eight hundred

5. When one of the dogs went mad, _____.
- A) Francois cut its head off
 - B) Francois let it go
 - C) Francois gave it some medicine
 - D) Francois gave it some water
6. There was a big _____ between Spitz and Buck.
- A) similarity
 - B) friendship
 - C) co-ordination
 - D) war
7. Francois's dog team was in the centre of attention in Skaguay because _____.
- A) it was the first sled to arrive there
 - B) they travelled a long distance in a record time
 - C) they were their only entertainment
 - D) they were good fighters
8. Charles and Hal's new dogs weren't good for the sled because _____.
- A) they were very fat
 - B) they had long feet
 - C) they had short fur and weak feet
 - D) they ate a lot
9. Buck was able to start a sled with a _____ pound load on it.
- A) thousand
 - B) four hundred
 - C) eight hundred
 - D) five hundred
10. After Manuel sold him, Buck had many owners, but he liked _____ more than the others.
- A) John Thornton
 - B) Perrault
 - C) Francois
 - D) Hal

C) ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. Why did thousands of people rush to the North?
They wanted to find gold.
2. What kind of dogs did the gold hunters need?
Large dogs with strong muscles and long fur.
3. What did the stranger do first when he bought Buck?
He tied a rope around his neck and then put him into a crate.
4. What did Buck do when Francois fastened a harness on him?
He worked very hard. He did not protest.

5. Did the sled dogs become happy when Buck became the leader of the team?
Yes they were very happy.
6. What did Francois do when he saw that one of the dogs went mad?
He cut off its head with an axe.
7. Why did Buck fight with Spitz to the death?
Spitz was not a good leader and was always attacking Buck. Buck wanted to be the new leader.
8. What did Mercedes do when Charles and Hal threw her clothes-bag on the ground?
She started to cry like a child.
9. How much was Buck worth in Francois's opinion?
One thousand dollars.
10. What did the huskies do first when they attacked Francois and Perrault's camp?
They ate about half of their food.
11. Why were Charles and Hal out of place?
They were inexperienced and did everything wrong.
12. Were Charles and Hal experienced drivers?
No, they were not experienced drivers.
13. What did Buck do when Black Burton hit Thornton?
Buck tried to bite Burton's throat.
14. When Thornton bet on Buck for one thousand dollars, did he have that much money?
No, he did not have that much money.
15. How did Thornton find one thousand dollars to bet on Buck?
He asked someone to lend him the money.
16. How much money did Buck earn for his master, Thornton?
Buck earned sixteen hundred dollars for Thornton.
17. When Buck went into the forest what did he meet there?
Buck met a wild wolf in the forest.
18. What happened in the camp when Buck was hunting in the forest?
Yeehats (fighters of a Native American tribe) attacked the camp while Buck was hunting in the forest.
19. What did Buck do when he saw that Thornton was dead?
He felt a lot of pain and sadness. He ran back into the forest and joined the wild wolf pack.
20. What did Buck do when he saw a wolf pack coming towards him?
He touched noses with the wolf that he had met before and with an older wolf. He joined their wolf pack.