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The Call of the Wild

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Chapter One: "Into the Primitive"

1. Why were dogs needed in the Northland? (2-3 Sentences)
2. Describe Buck. (2-3 Sentences)
3. Where did Buck live? (2-3 Sentences)
4. Who betrays Buck? Why did he betray him? How did he betray him? (2-3 Sentences)
5. How is Buck treated after he leaves Judge Miller's? Explain. (2-3 Sentences)

6. What important lesson does the man in the red sweater teach Buck? (2-3 Sentences)

What does Buck's response to this experience reveal about him? (2-3 Sentences)

7. What is the significance of the chapter title? (2-3 Sentences)

Chapter Two: "The Law of Club and Fang"

1. How does Buck learn an "unforgettable lesson" about the law of club and fang when watching his first dog fight? (2-3 Sentences)

2. For which dog does Buck feel "a deathless hatred" and why? (2-3 Sentences)

3. What is Buck shocked by next? How does he handle it? (2-3 Sentences)

4. That night, in regard to his sleeping situation, Buck learns another lesson. Describe it. (2-3 Sentences)

5. How does Buck adapt to life in the North? What instincts begin to show? How does Buck change on the trail? (2-3 Sentences)

6. In the next to last paragraph of Chapter 2, why does Buck point his nose and howl “long and wolf life”? (2-3 Sentences)

Chapter Three- “The Dominant Primordial Beast”

1. How does Spitz challenge Buck? What “unwonted accident” saves them from the great fight? (2-3 Sentences)

2. Describe Perrault and Francois based upon their actions in this chapter. (2-3 Sentences, each)

Perrault

Francois

3. What happens to Dolly? (2-3 Sentences)

4. Buck becomes very angry with Spitz and he makes a mistake. What does he do? Explain. (2-3 Sentences)

5. What quality does Buck have that helps him defeat Spitz? Explain. (2-3 Sentences)

Chapter Four- “Who Has Won to Mastership”

1. Since Buck has defeated Spitz, he intends to assume his role as lead dog. How does he get his way? Is he a capable lead dog? (2-3 Sentences)

2. Several changes take place. Describe the new masters, the new job, and the death of Dave. (2-3 Sentences)

3. What is the significance of Dave's death? (2-3 Sentences)

4. Buck lies by the campfire and daydreams about the past. Which memories affect him the most? The least? Who is the hairy man Buck dreams of as he lies by the fire? What does this man symbolize? (2-3 Sentences)

Chapter Five- "The Toil of Trace and Trail"

1. Why is the team so tired? (2-3 Sentences)

2. Why did the dogs not get the long rest they deserved? (2-3 Sentences)

3. Why were Buck and his team sold again? (2-3 Sentences)

4. What were the problems with Buck's new owners, Hal, Charles, and Mercedes?
(2-3 Sentences)

5. How do the new owners feed the dogs? What does this confirm about the owners?
(2-3 Sentences)

6. How is the team changed by numbers? (2-3 Sentences)

7. What advice does John Thornton give Hal? How does Hal respond? (2-3 Sentences)

8. Why does Hal beat Buck? Who saves him? Why? (2-3 Sentences)

9. In what ways are Hal, Mercedes, and Charles incapable of adapting and surviving? What happens to them, and the rest of the team? (2-3 Sentences)

Chapter Six- “For the Love of a Man”

1. Who are Skeet and Nig? How do they treat Buck? (2-3 Sentences)

2. Describe Buck’s relationship with John Thornton. How does Thornton treat Buck? (2-3 Sentences)

3. Why does Buck follow at Thornton’s heels? (2-3 Sentences)

4. Is Buck a civilized “Southland” dog once again? How do you know? (2-3 Sentences)

5. How does Thornton first test Buck’s love? (2-3 Sentences)

6. How does Buck defend Thorton in Circle City and establish his reputation?
(2-3 Sentences)

7. How does Buck save Thorton's life? (2-3 Sentences)

Chapter Seven-"The Sounding of the Call"

1. Where do John Thorton, Pete, and Hans go after Thorton pays his debts? (2-3 Sentences)

2. What do the men find at the end of their wanderings? (2-3 Sentences)

3. What brought an end to their two years of wandering on the trail? (2-3 Sentences)

4. What seems to be "the call"? (2-3 Sentences)

5. What makes Buck abandon the call? (2-3 Sentences)

6. Describe the moose hunt. How does Buck's hunt end? What does this confirm about Buck? (2-3 Sentences)

7. When Buck finishes with the moose, he senses a "new stir in the land." When he arrives back at camp, he is overcome with passion. Why? What does Buck discover when he returns to camp after his long hunt? (2-3 Sentences)

8. What revenge does Buck take? (2-3 Sentences)

9. What happens when the wolf pack confronts Buck? (2-3 Sentences)

10. Summarize the end of the novel. What happens to Buck, to the Yeehats, to the valley, and to Thornton's gold? (2-3 Sentences)