Call of the Wild Outline Kolin Krewinkel

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* Intro
  + Under extreme environments and changes, some can change in many dramatic ways.
  + In The Call of the Wild, a novel by Jack London
  + Background of story... description of Buck, backstory of his environment change, etc.
  + In The Call of the Wild, Buck undergoes drastic transformation as a response to his environment. As a result, he loses his morals, becomes physically stronger, and becomes wild and more drawn to nature.
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  + To begin with, Buck, in his desperation for luxuries such as food, loses his morals.
  + For example, Buck, desperate for food, (p.70-90) references of Buck’s food theft incidents.
  + Show change from Judge Miller’s… Explain how Buck’s mentality has been swayed by his environment/other dogs.
  + As a result of Buck’s changed environment and harsh comrades, he is changed dramatically to the point where the basic fabric of his mind, his morals, are altered.
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  + In addition, Buck becomes intensely strong and more resistant to pain.
  + For example, Buck, whose feet were aching from the constant work, had to develop over many weeks to strengthen to the harsh life.
  + Buck previously had an easy life… Now he was working for his title, and was struggling physically and mentally, strength-wise.
  + Due to the extreme toughness of life on the trail, Buck was forced to adapt to the conditions physically, and mentally.
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  + Finally, Buck is consumed with his roots and transitions to become a wild and jaded domestic animal.
  + An example for this is at the end of the novel, when Buck finally becomes detached from civilization when John Thornton is killed..
  + Buck has been transformed by his withdrawal from society and subjected to the brutal wild. Additionally, he’s been forced the law of the club and fang.
  + Due to Buck’s sudden life change, he’s undergone a massive mental change. Now, he’s drawing on his roots and become more wolf-like than ever.
* Conclusion
  + In the novel, The Call of the Wild, Buck has his morals drained from him, is physically strengthened, and wild and detached from civilization.
  + As stated in the novel, Buck is transformed in several critical ways with his thefts, strengthening, and society departure.
  + This novel demonstrates the balance between nature and the wild, and how a dramatic change in one’s life can change them massively.