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**Instructions:** Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

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| <p><b>1. How does Buck's relationship with John Thornton differ from his relationship with Judge Miller?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ Thornton loves Buck while his relationship with Judge was a dignified friendship.</li> <li>Ⓑ Thornton purchases Buck while Judge inherited him from his father.</li> <li>Ⓒ Thornton and Buck have a work relationship while Judge and Buck were friends.</li> <li>Ⓓ Thornton is harsh with Buck while Judge showed him more affection.</li> </ul> <p><b>2. What is revealed about Buck's feelings when he bites Thornton's hand?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ He thinks his new master is too weak.</li> <li>Ⓑ He doesn't want Thornton to touch him.</li> <li>Ⓒ He greatly loves his new master.</li> <li>Ⓓ He greatly dislikes his new master.</li> </ul> | <p><b>3. Why does Buck always try to keep Thornton within his sight?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ Buck does not trust Thornton and wants to make sure he doesn't whip him.</li> <li>Ⓑ Buck has had other masters leave and wants to make sure Thornton stays.</li> <li>Ⓒ Buck is worried about the environment and wants to keep Thornton safe.</li> <li>Ⓓ Buck is jealous of Skeet and Nig, and wants to keep Thornton for himself.</li> </ul> <p><b>4. What causes Buck to attack "Black" Burton?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ Burton teases Buck.</li> <li>Ⓑ Burton tries to steal gold from John Thornton.</li> <li>Ⓒ Burton doesn't think Buck can pull one thousand pounds.</li> <li>Ⓓ Burton hits John Thornton.</li> </ul> |
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5. What does the word **jubilant** mean?

- Ⓐ extremely loud
- Ⓑ sweet
- Ⓒ very happy
- Ⓓ careful

6. Which of Buck's impressive feats occurs last in this part of the story?

- Ⓐ He pulls one thousand pounds for one hundred yards.
- Ⓑ He saves Thornton from the raging river rapids.
- Ⓒ He protects Thornton during a bar fight.
- Ⓓ He pulls Nig from a burning building.

7. How does the author build tension in the scene where Buck pulls the sled?

- Ⓐ He uses short, choppy sentences to make the reader read quickly.
- Ⓑ He shows Buck's anxious inner thoughts.
- Ⓒ He shows Thornton's anxious inner thoughts.
- Ⓓ He slows down the pacing by describing in great detail Buck's actions.

8. What is one reason the author includes the scene of Buck saving Thornton from drowning?

- Ⓐ to introduce the characters that will be important in this part's final scene
- Ⓑ to emphasize the strong connection between Buck and Thornton
- Ⓒ to provide resolution to the tension from the scene right before it
- Ⓓ to indicate a growing distance between Buck and Thornton

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9. What can be inferred about Buck by the way in which he saves Thornton from the rapids?
  - Ⓐ He is extremely strong and persistent.
  - Ⓑ He enjoys swimming.
  - Ⓒ He prefers Pete and Hans to Thornton.
  - Ⓓ He seeks out opportunities to show his greatness.
10. Which of the following context clues helps readers determine the meaning of the word **mandate**?
  - Ⓐ *he obeyed*
  - Ⓑ *eat or be eaten*
  - Ⓒ *for fear*
  - Ⓓ *kill or be killed*
11. **Extended Response:** Read the following quote about Buck's internal conflict: ". . . in spite of this great love he bore John Thornton, which seemed to bespeak the soft civilizing influence, the strain of the primitive, which the Northland had aroused in him, remained alive and active." In one paragraph, explain what this quote means about Buck's conflict, and describe how you think Buck will resolve his problem.
12. **Extended Response:** How is John Thornton able to draw out loyalty and love in Buck? Write a paragraph that refers to specific actions that account for this transformation in Buck.

1. Ⓐ *Compare and Contrast*
2. Ⓒ *Analyze Character*
3. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
4. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
5. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓐ *Sequence Events*
7. Ⓓ *Analyze Plot*
8. Ⓑ *Author's Purpose*
9. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
10. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
11. Students should explain that the internal conflict is between Buck's domesticated tendencies and his primitive instincts. He is happy with the love from John Thornton, but there is still a part of him that has been reawakened through his time in the North that longs to be wild and free. Students will then predict how Buck can solve this issue with a reasonable choice that draws on clues from the text and is true to Buck's character.
12. Answers may vary. Sample answer: *Thornton's kindness and love awakens love in Buck. Thornton stands up for Buck when Hal is hurting him, he nurses Buck back to health, he plays with Buck affectionately, and he treats Buck with love. Buck is not used to being loved, as all his other relationships with humans have been work relationships, and many times they were hostile. With Thornton, there is no such aggression.*