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Summer Work: *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen

Part 1: Vocabulary- While reading *Hatchet*, find ten words you do not know the meaning for. Below, Write out the words, their definitions, and then create a sentence using each word.

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Part Two: Short Response- While reading *Hatchet*, respond to the following questions in 1-2 complete sentences.

- 1. How old is Brian at the beginning of the novel, and why is he traveling to Canada?**
- 2. Why is Brian stuck in the woods, and what tools does he have to help him survive?**
- 3. What was "the secret" to which Brian's thoughts often wander?**
- 4. When Brian has to fly the plane himself after the pilot's heart attack, what prior experience helps him?**
- 5. Give two examples of dangers Brian encounters while surviving alone in the forest. How does he overcome them?**
- 6. Give two examples of tools Brian creates on his own in the forest. How do they help him survive?**
- 7. What are the consequences of the tornado destroying Brian's shelter and fire?**
- 8. What survival tools does Brian find in the wreckage of the plane towards the end of the novel, and how does he react to them?**
- 9. How does Brian manage for finally escape the forest, and who helps him?**

10. What differences does Brian's father notice in Brian when they reunite?

Part 3: Mini Essays- in 6-8 sentences, respond to the following questions in an essay format.

1. Think about how Brian thinks and acts in the beginning of the novel compared to the end of the novel. In what ways has he changed, and in what ways has he remained the same? Do you think all of these changes are positive ones?

2. What do you think would have happened if Brian had found the survival pack much earlier? Would he be the same person he became under the book's circumstances?