

Lower Level Level - October 2026

Week 3: Hatchet Finish + Literary Analysis | Vocabulary & Comprehension

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SECTION 1: VOCABULARY

resolution	How the story's conflicts are solved
character arc	A character's transformation through a story
literary analysis	Careful examination of a text's meaning
thesis	A claim to be proved in an essay
evidence	Specific textual detail supporting an argument
body paragraph	Essay section developing one main point
conclusion	Paragraph synthesizing the essay's main ideas
transition	Words connecting ideas smoothly
paraphrase	Restating an idea in your own words
inference	A conclusion drawn from evidence

SECTION 2: USE IT IN A SENTENCE - Choose 4 words above and write original sentences.

1. Word: _____ Sentence: _____

2. Word: _____ Sentence: _____

3. Word: _____ Sentence: _____

4. Word: _____ Sentence: _____

SECTION 3: COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. How is Brian different at the end of the novel compared to chapter 1? Give 3 specific examples.

2. What does the title 'Hatchet' mean beyond just the tool? What does it represent?

3. What is Golding's - wait, Gary Paulsen's - central theme? How do the events prove it?

4. Write a thesis for this prompt: "How does Paulsen use Brian to develop the theme of perseverance?"

5. Why does Brian cry when he is finally rescued? What does this show about his experience?
