

Active Reading

Hatchet Chapters 1-5

Brian uses his skills of observation to take stock of his surroundings. Record what Brian finds as he checks out his possessions. Predict how he might use each possession to help him survive.

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Before You Read

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FOCUS ACTIVITY

How do you get motivated to do something that seems almost impossible?

Quickwrite

Think of a time when you needed to finish a challenging task, like solving a tricky math problem or puzzle. Quickwrite for five minutes about the situation. Then reflect on what you have written. How did you resolve the problem? What motivated you to finish it?

Setting a Purpose

Read to see how Brian becomes motivated to help himself.

BACKGROUND

Did You Know?

A heart attack is often caused by a coronary thrombosis. The word *coronary* means “of or relating to the heart.” The word *thrombosis* means “the formation of a blood clot (thrombus) in the heart or in a blood vessel.” A heart attack occurs when a blood clot blocks one of the arteries that bring blood to the heart. Without a constant blood supply, heart muscle can be damaged. In a minor heart attack, the victim may experience only chest pain. In a very severe heart attack, the heart muscle stops working altogether.

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is a first-aid procedure for heart-attack victims. Its goal is to keep some blood flowing through a victim’s body and to supply the victim with oxygen. Pressing on a victim’s chest about once per second forces blood through the heart and into the arteries, allowing blood to flow into the body. Releasing the pressure allows blood to fill the heart again. Performing mouth-to-mouth resuscitation about every thirty seconds gives the lungs—and, therefore, the rest of the body—a fresh supply of oxygen. Without a supply of oxygen, a person who stops breathing, for whatever reason, will die within four to six minutes.

VOCABULARY PREVIEW

amphibious [am fib ‘ē əs] *adj.* able to function on both land and water

audible [ô ‘də bəl] *adj.* able to be heard

hummocks [hum ‘əks] *n.* small, rounded hills

turbulence [tur ‘byə ləns] *n.* irregular air motion, especially as felt by airplane passengers

wince [wints] *v.* to shrink back; to flinch