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ELA ADV 8
Period 6

The Call of the Wild

Critical Thinking Questions.

Please restate each question and answer using specific details from the text for each question.

1. The book includes details of dogs that some readers may find upsetting. Should the book contain some sort of warning on it regarding the content? Why or why not?
2. Identify the point of view (who is telling the story) used in the story. Explain how this impacts the story.
3. What effect does the setting have on the characters and conflicts in the story?
4. Identify and explain the major ways that Buck changes over the course of the story.
5. Which owner does the most for Buck? Consider both his happiness and his sense of purpose.
6. Who is the worst person that Buck encounters in the northland? Explain why?
7. When Buck is fighting for control of the pack, do readers support him? Why or why not?
8. Examine Buck's character and conclude whether he is more like a dog or more like a human?

9. How does Thornton's death impact the story, especially in Buck hearing the call of the wild?

10. While Buck lives with several different people during his life in the northland, there are few details about most of them. What is the effect this lack of information has on the story?