

# 7th Grade Summer Reading Project

For your summer reading project, you will read the book *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen. After reading, you will choose 1 of the options below and write an essay in response.

Your essay will be *at least* 1.5 pages in Times New Roman typeface and 12 point font.

This project will be due the Thursday of the second week of school.

## Options:

**Character Analysis:** Choose one character from "Hatchet" and analyze their development throughout the story. How do they change or grow as a result of their experiences in the wilderness?

**Survival Skills:** Discuss the survival skills that Brian learns and utilizes in order to survive in the Canadian wilderness. What are some of the most important skills he learns, and how do they help him overcome challenges?

**Character Relationships:** Explore the relationships between Brian and the various characters he encounters in "Hatchet," such as the pilot, his parents, and the animals of the wilderness. How do these relationships shape Brian's experiences and growth throughout the story?

**Decision-Making:** Analyze some of the key decisions Brian makes in "Hatchet." What factors influence his choices, and how do these decisions impact his survival and development as a character?

**Fear and Courage:** Explore the theme of fear and courage in "Hatchet." What are some of the moments when Brian feels most afraid, and how does he find the courage to overcome his fears? What can we learn from Brian's experiences about facing our own fears?

**Isolation and Loneliness:** Discuss the theme of isolation and loneliness in "Hatchet." How does Brian cope with being alone in the wilderness, and what does his experience teach us about the human need for connection and companionship?