Chapter One: Into the Primitive

Define:
nomadic:____________________________________

chafing:____________________________________
custom:____________________________________
brumal:____________________________________
ferine:____________________________________
brewing:____________________________________
veranda:____________________________________
interlace:____________________________________
spacious:____________________________________

Why was trouble brewing for “every tidewater dog”?____________________________________

How old is Buck?____________________________________

What breed is Buck? (Hint: List the breeds of his mother and father)__________________________

Define:
besetting:____________________________________
lap:____________________________________
chinked:____________________________________
unwonted:____________________________________
intimated:____________________________________
deft:____________________________________
vilely:____________________________________
ebbed:____________________________________

In what year does this story begin?____________________________________

Define:
artesian well:____________________________________
demesne:____________________________________
sated:____________________________________
aristocrat:____________________________________
trifle:____________________________________
egotistical:____________________________________
insular:____________________________________

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ebbed:____________________________________
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Why was Buck sold?

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Define:
conveyance: __________________________
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hoarse: _____________________________
____________________________________
unbridled: __________________________
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‘Frisco: _____________________________
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eloquently: _________________________
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mug: _______________________________
____________________________________
sou: _______________________________
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tallow candle: ______________________

How much total were the kidnappers paid for Buck?

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Define:
lacerated: __________________________
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____________________________________
intolerable: _________________________
____________________________________
fell foul:
____________________________________

throttled: __________________________
____________________________________
filing: _____________________________
____________________________________
wrath: _____________________________
____________________________________
oppressed: _________________________
____________________________________
vague: _____________________________
____________________________________
impending: _________________________
____________________________________
calamity: __________________________
____________________________________
tallow candle: ______________________
savage: ___________________________
____________________________________
tormentors: _________________________
____________________________________
unkempt: ___________________________
____________________________________
sullenly: __________________________
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taunted: ___________________________
____________________________________
detestable: _________________________
____________________________________
waxed: _____________________________
____________________________________
accumulated: _______________________ 
____________________________________
boded: _____________________________
____________________________________
foul: ______________________________
____________________________________
Why did Buck feel he was beaten?

Define:
- revelation:
- primitive:
- fiercer:

Who is Perrault?

Who is François?

Who is Dave?

Who is Curly?

Who is Spitz?

Define:
Chapter Two: The Law of the Club and the Fang

What is “the law of the club and the fang”?

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Name: ______________________ Date: ______________________

Define:
primordial: ____________________ ____________________________________
loaf: __________________________ ____________________________________
imperative: ____________________ ____________________________________
vicarious: _______________________ ____________________________________
metallic: _______________________ ____________________________________
intent: _________________________ ____________________________________

Why does Buck hate Spitz?
________________________________________ ____________________________
________________________________________ ____________________________
________________________________________ ____________________________
________________________________________ ____________________________

Define:
introspective:____________________ ____________________________________
perpetual:_______________________ ____________________________________
malignant:_______________________ ____________________________________
comradely:_______________________ ____________________________________
appeasingly:____________________ ____________________________________
avail:___________________________ ____________________________________
incarnation:______________________ ____________________________________
belligerent:______________________ ____________________________________
discomfiture:______________________ ____________________________________
prowess:__________________________ ____________________________________
unwittingly:_______________________ ____________________________________
indiscretion:_______________________ ____________________________________
bombarded:_______________________ ____________________________________

Who are Billee and Joe?
________________________________________ ____________________________
________________________________________ ____________________________
________________________________________ ____________________________
________________________________________ ____________________________
consternation: _____________________________

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ignominiously: ____________________________

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venom: ____________________________

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disconsolate: ____________________________

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unmolested: ____________________________

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astonishment: ____________________________

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forlorn: ____________________________

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ascended: ____________________________

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How does Buck discover how sled dogs sleep on the trail?

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How does he spend the night? ____________________________

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Define:

trice: ____________________________

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arduous: ____________________________

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unduly: ____________________________

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spasmodically: ____________________________

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hailed: ____________________________

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Why does François think Buck is special?

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Define:

despise: ____________________________

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irritable: ____________________________

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supreme: ____________________________

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apt: ____________________________

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retaliate: ____________________________

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trouncing: ____________________________

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forbiddingly: ____________________________

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gee pole: ____________________________

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indispensable: ____________________________

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- ravenous:
- perpetual:
- fastidiousness:
- dainty:
- malingerer:
- slyly:
- blunderer:
- misdeed:
- adaptability:
- decay:

What was the law of the Southland?

What was the law of the Northland?

How was Buck de-civilized? (Hint: By whom?)

Define:
- accommodated:
- retrogression:
- callous:
- peril:
- conspicuous:

What was the "old life" Buck began to remember?

Define:
- heredity:
- cadence:
- surged:
- divers:
Why does the author refer back to Manuel the gardener in the last line of chapter two?

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Chapter Three: The Dominant Primordial Beast

Define:

dominant:______________________________

primordial:__________________________

poise:_______________________________

rashness:___________________________

precipitate:________________________

betrayed:___________________________

shunned:___________________________

offensive:__________________________

perpendicular:______________________
How does François respond to Buck’s attack on Spitz?

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What stops the fight between the two dogs?

________________________

What did Spitz do to Buck during the fight with the starving dogs?

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Define:

- pandemonium:__________________________
  ______________________________
  ______________________________
- skulking:__________________________
  ______________________________
  ______________________________
- crazed:__________________________
  ______________________________
  ______________________________
- gaunt:__________________________
  ______________________________
  ______________________________
- famished:__________________________
  ______________________________
  ______________________________
- astonished:__________________________
  ______________________________
  ______________________________
- irresistible:__________________________
  ______________________________
  ______________________________

Why does François comment to the dogs “mebbe it mek you mad dog, dose many bites”?

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Define:

**defied:** ___________________

**eddies:** ___________________

**compelled:** ___________________

**daunted:** ___________________

**resolutely:** ___________________

**hoisted:** ___________________

**conspicuous:** ___________________

**bristling:** ___________________

**desperation:** ___________________

**faith:** ___________________

**administered:** ___________________

What does this sentence mean: "The Thirty Mile River was wide open"?

Why does François make little shoes for Buck?

Who thinks this is funny?

What happens to Dolly?

Define:

**rejoinder:** ___________________

**endured:** ___________________

**prospered:** ___________________

**savagery:** ___________________

**pluck:** ___________________
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The author says that Buck has “harked back through the ages of fire and roof to the raw beginnings of life in the howling ages.” What does that mean?

Define:
- recuperated:
- splendiferous:
- splendid:
- eerie:
- aurora borealis:
- pall:
- articulate:
- travail:
- woe:
- plaint:
- stirred:
- harked:

How is the breakdown of discipline among the dog shown?

Define:
- bedlam:
- barbarous:
- vexation:
- petty:
- mendacity:
-Solidarity:
- splendiferous:
- pall:
- articulate:
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What does the phrase “his lash was always singing among the dogs” mean?

Define:
- red-handed:
- precipitate:
- blundered:
- whining:
- wan:
- wraith:
- infinitely:
- intimate:
- ecstasy:

What is so joyful, exciting and forgetful about chasing a rabbit for Buck?

How could Buck “remember” a battle to the death if he had never been in such a battle?

Define:
- paradox:
- quarter:
- womb:
- sinew:
- aglow:
- rampant:
- exultantly:
- calculating:
- supreme:
- apex:
- writhed:
Define:  
expectant:________________________  
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woited:___________________________  
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rend:_____________________________  
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Where was Spitz from?

Buck and Spitz fight, and all the dogs gather around them in a tight circle, waiting. What are they waiting for?

What does the phrase “made for greatness” mean?

What quality does Buck possess that “made for greatness”?

How does Buck win the fight? (Hint: What injury does he give Spitz that makes it impossible for him to win?)

Define:  
inexorable:_______________________  
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cimes:___________________________  
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maneuvered:_______________________  
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impending:________________________  
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Who is the “dominant primordial beast”?

Why does the author call him this?
Why does the author use the word "primordial"? 

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