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**Hatchet** by Gary Paulsen

## Hatchet: Chapters 1–2

1. What is the reason Brian is traveling from Hampton, New York to Canada, and how does it connect to the story's main conflict?
- a. His parents are divorced, and he's spending the summer with his dad, which explains his need to fly alone.
  - b. He is visiting his mom for spring break, which helps him prepare for school.
  - c. He is camping with his dad, showing he has a closer relationship with his dad than he has with his mom.



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3. How are Brian's feelings toward his parents' divorce revealed in chapter one?

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6. How does Brian's age impact the intensity of the conflict?
- a. Being 13 makes coping with his parents' divorce more difficult.
  - b. Being 14 makes him wiser, making it easier for him to stay calm during emergencies.
  - c. Being only 13, he has never been on a plane before and cannot navigate one alone.
  - d. Being 12 means he's too young to remember what to do in an emergency.
7. How does Brian's description of the Canadian wilderness add to the intensity of the setting?
- a. It shows the area is busy and full of people, reducing the sense of danger.
  - b. It shows the land is desolate and isolated, making it easier to land the plane.
  - c. It shows there are forests and no clearings, making it more challenging to land the plane.
  - d. It shows the wilderness is bright and lively, making him feel safe.

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8. How do Brian's attempts to use the CB radio show his determination to survive?
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  - b. He doesn't know how to use the radio and gives up immediately.
  - c. He becomes frustrated by the complicated controls and stops trying.
  - d. He keeps trying and eventually reaches air traffic control, showing that persistence brings quick success.
9. How does the title *Hatchet* connect to the gift Brian's mother gives him before his flight to Canada? What do you predict about the gift's importance to the story's plot?



10. How does the author's repetition of the word **alone** add to the intensity of the setting?

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**Answers will vary. An example is: Brian seems resentful toward his mother because the text states, "What he knew and had not told anybody, what he knew about his mother that had**

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down. The author wants readers to fully understand the seriousness and fear of being truly alone in such a dangerous situation.