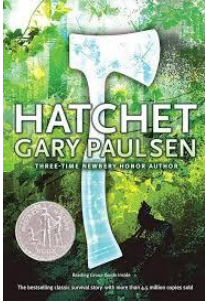


## 7th Grade English (2024-25) Reading for Summer 2024



### *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen

*Hatchet* is the one book we would like **all** rising 7<sup>th</sup> graders to read by the start of the school year. This novel serves as a foundation for exploring reading strategies and skills, literary analysis, genre exploration, and composition skills.

#### **We recommend the following guidelines for reading *Hatchet*:**

- Since you will be referring to this novel at the beginning of the school year, you should read *Hatchet* closer to the time when school starts—keep it fresh in your mind!
- If you have read *Hatchet* before, do read it again before school starts. While you may remember the overall story, reading to refresh your memory of specific details will help you as we work through our beginning assignments about the book.
- Annotating your book is highly recommended; this will help you sift through the author’s storytelling style, character development, and events, as well as information about nature and survival.
- Please fill out the review guide to prepare you for the book test as well as extra credit.

If you or your parents have any questions about summer reading, please contact Mrs. Laura French (English 7) by email: [laura.french@chca-oh.org](mailto:laura.french@chca-oh.org). I will make every effort to get back to you as soon as possible.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading Questions

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1. Authors usually write from either a first- or third-person point of view. What point of view did Gary Paulsen choose? How does that impact your reading of the story?
2. Paulsen often gives Brian's internal thoughts as he remembers events or thinks through decisions. How does that help you engage with the story?
3. The author uses flashbacks especially in the first half of the book. What do the flashbacks show readers about Brian?
4. Brian remembers his English teacher telling him to "stay positive, stay on top of things." In what way does this saying guide Brian's mindset and attitude in the wilderness?
5. Brian's main conflict throughout the story could be described as character vs. nature. What are some examples of his setbacks and successes in his battle for survival?

