

The Call of the Wild
Chapters 1 & 2 Study Guide

1. Describe Buck's home when he lived with Judge Miller.
2. How is Buck portrayed at the beginning of the novel?
3. How old was Buck at the beginning of the novel?
4. Who was Buck's father?
5. Where were Buck's owners when he was stolen?
6. Who stole Buck from Judge Miller?
7. Describe Buck's feelings when the rope is put around his neck.
8. Describe Buck's first interaction with snow (at the end of chapter one).
9. What is the significance to Buck's unfulfilled expectations of rescue by the Judge?
10. What lesson does Buck learn from the man in the red sweater?
11. Describe the law of the club and its significance in Buck's new life.
12. What effect does Curly's death have on Buck's relationship with Spitz?
13. Why is Buck surprised when he is not allowed to sleep in the tent in chapter two?
14. How does Buck sleep the first night in the cold snow in chapter two?
15. Why did Buck begin stealing in chapter two?
16. Who is Perrault?
17. Describe Billee and Joe.
18. How and why do Buck's eating habits change?

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Vocabulary List

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1. progeny
2. treachery
3. metamorphose
4. primordial
5. placate
6. courier
7. trounce
8. fastidiousness
9. malingerer
10. callous
11. conspicuous
12. cadence
13. keen
14. forebear