



STORY SPECULATIONS



White Fang by Jack London

Give out one sentence per child. Using the Voice 21 groupings of 'Onion' or 'Traverse', each child reads their sentence to the child opposite them and spends one minute discussing the clues and what the story could be about. They could also just move around the class choosing other children at random. When they move on, they use the new and previous clues to guess the following aspects of the story, piecing together evidence to back up their theories. You may wish to use our 'Book Knowledge Organisers' to go through the book in more detail at the end if you or the children are unfamiliar with the story.

setting

characters

plot

genre



1.) Down the frozen waterway toiled a string of wolfish dogs.

2.) The grey light of day that remained lasted until three o'clock, when it, too, faded, and the pall of the Arctic night descended upon the lone and silent land.

3.) "Kind of strange colour for a wolf," was Bill's criticism. "I never seen a red wolf before."

4.) They were meat, and it was hungry; and it would like to go in and eat them if it dared.

5.) The teeth of one had closed upon his arm.

6.) She turned and trotted back into the forest, to the great relief of One Eye, who trotted a little to the fore until they were well within the shelter of the trees.

7.) He was the one little grey cub of the litter.

8.) He was a fierce little cub. So were his brothers and sisters.

9.) squirrel, running around the base of the trunk, came full upon him, and gave him a great fright.



10.) So he started out to look for the cave and his mother, feeling at the same time an overwhelming rush of loneliness and helplessness.

11.) For a week she never left the cave, except for water, and then her movements were slow and painful.

12.) One of the Indians arose and walked over to him and stooped above him.

13.) He watched the man-animals coming and going and moving about the camp.

14.) Then it was cold. Here was no warm side of a tepee against which to snuggle.

15.) In the third year of his life there came a great famine to the Mackenzie Indians.

16.) It was at Fort Yukon that White Fang saw his first white men.

17.) He would stand off at a little distance and look on, while stones, clubs, axes, and all sorts of weapons fell upon his fellows.

18.) Also, they feared him. His cowardly rages made them dread a shot in the back or poison in their coffee.

19.) Grey Beaver refused to sell the dog.

20.) For Beauty Smith was cruel in the way that cowards are cruel.

21.) Then there was a payment of bets, and money clinked in Beauty Smith's hand.

22.) Men stared at him, poked sticks between the bars to make him snarl, and then laughed at him.

23.) It began to look as though the battle were over.

24.) "Poor devil," Scott murmured pityingly. "What he needs is some show of human kindness," he added, turning and going into the cabin.

25.) "What the devil can I do with a wolf in California?" he demanded.



26.) Later in the day, he chanced upon another stray chicken near the stables.

27.) Once he got up and walked over to the trough for a drink of water.

28.) There were revolver shots.

29.) But there was one particular nightmare from which he suffered--the clanking, clanging monsters of electric cars that were to him colossal screaming lynxes.

30.) "Yes, Blessed Wolf," agreed the Judge. "And henceforth that shall be my name for him."