



Call of the Wild
by: Jack London

Lesson Plans
12 Days

Lesson Plan
Day 1

Introduce the Story

London Bio - poverty unhappiness; self-made man; learned “survival of the fittest”; liked the savage part of nature and man; wrote about himself as much as anything (bring up “To Build of Fire” and “Sea Wolf”).

Skill - Contrast

Develop that contrast is opposites (black and white pieces of paper) and having them together accentuates them both or makes them stand out (examples to make the largeness of Shaq stand out, who do you put next to him?) In Literature, contrasts are used to highlight something in the story and make it stand out more. Look for a contrast as you read chapter one.

Vocab - 1

primitive, detestable, instantaneous, dominion

Assignment

Read chapter 1 and look for contrasts.

Lesson Plan
Day 2

Correct/Review

Chapter 1 and Contrast - Find the contrast in chapter one. Develop this:
peacefulness Santa Clara Valley and brutal harshness of the Yukon
(**Civilization and Wildness**)

Also Develop the “Law of the Club”
(page 375-376)

Vocab - 2

appeasingly, diabolically, consternation, ignominiously, inevitably

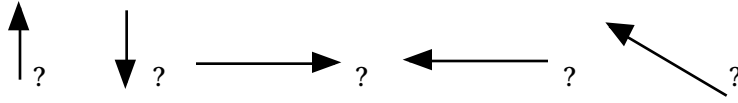
Assignment

Read chapter 2 and do worksheet (chapters 1 & 2)

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Day 3

Correct/Review

Chapter 1-2 worksheet
Discuss Buck's Development:
(see page 380)



Discuss the "Law of the Fang" (page 377-378)

Discuss Who's Who in the story so far.

Vocab - 3

precipitate, pandemonium
placatingly, antagonists

Assignment

Read chapter 3 and do worksheet

Judge Miller	Cal. Owner
Red Sweater	Club - Seattle
Perrault	Fr. Canadian (bought B at Sea.)
Francois	Fr. Canadian half breed
	Dogs (curly has died already)
	Spitz
	Joe
	Billee
one eye	Sol-leks
	Buck
	Dave
	SLED

Lesson Plan
Day 4

Correct/Review

Chapter 3 worksheet

Skill

Paradox - Develop that a paradox is a contradictory statement or situation; Star Trek episode "I always lie" destroys the evil super logical computer; In literature it gets you thinking; What is the paradox on page 387? "The best feeling of life is when you forget you're alive."

Vocab - 4

None

Assignment

Read chapter 4 and do worksheet

Correct/Review

Chapter 4 worksheet

Skill

Theme - Develop that a theme underlying idea or message of the author by reading a fable; Refer to page 392 and Buck's fire dream; what could be a possible theme? "The wild never leaves a creature"? A savage lurks closely underneath us all?"

What would London think about original sin?

Skill

Syllogisms - present an example on the board to develop the definition that a syllogism is a pattern for deductive reasoning - a form of logical thinking.

All believers in Jesus will go to heaven.

Jim is a believer in Jesus.

Jim will go to heaven.

Try a few examples....All stores sell things....No pro ballplayers play for free...

Assignment

Syllogism wkst

Correct/Review

Correct syllogism wkst

Vocab - 5

callowness, slovenly, voracious, inarticulate

Assignment

Read chapter 5 and do worksheet

Correct/Review

Correct Chapter 5

Skill

Review theme and discuss possible themes in the part about Hal and Mercedes.

Vocab - 6

convalescence, chasm, perceptibly

Assignment

Read chapter 6 and do worksheet

Lesson Plan
Day 8

Correct/Review
Correct Chapter 6

Skill

Three types of CONFLICT. Review PLOT and the plot diagram (see the drawing on the answer wkst) Come a consensus about what the main conflict.

Vocab - 7

carnivorous, asunder, persisted

Assignment

Read chapter 7 and do worksheet

Lesson Plan
Day 9

Correct/Review

Correct Chapter 7 and discuss the story using page 424.

Review the plot diagram and discuss where the final climax is in the story.

Skill

Syllogisms - Review syllogisms

Assignment

Syllogisms wkst

Lesson Plan
Day 10

Correct/Review

Correct syllogisms wkst

Skill

Review Theme and discuss possible themes of the story. Work in groups to write a collaborative essay on one of the possible themes in the handout...or your own!!

Review for the Test

Tell students what to be ready for.

Assignment

Study for the test!

Lesson Plan
Day 11

Take the Final Test

Lesson Plan
Day 12

Return the Test

Watch the movie!