Question Support
LITERARY ANALYSIS

Directions: Answer the questions.

1. RECALL What Smell draws the bears to Paulsen’s cabin?

2. Clarify Why does Scarhead show up the day Paulsen burns the trash even though the wind is blowing away from the wilderness?

3. Summarize What happens when Paulsen confronts Scarhead?

4. Make Inferences Reread lines 42–49. Then complete the following sentence.

   The bears do not bother the yard animals because ______________________________

5. Examine Setting Write a short description of where the narrator lives.

6. Analyze Author’s Purpose Circle the word or phrase that names Paulsen’s main purpose. Support your answer with an example from the memoir.

   a. Explain/Inform  c. Persuade
   b. Share Thoughts  d. Entertain

7. Make Judgments Reread lines 115–118. Circle one word in parentheses and then complete the following sentence.

   I (agree/disagree) with Paulsen about the lesson he learned because ________________________

8. Compare Literary Works Read the article on page 118. Then complete the following sentences.

   In Woodsong, Paulsen lives __________________________________________________________

   In “A Day in the Life of Gary Paulsen,” he lives _________________________________________

   In both selections, his life is _________________________________________________________