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Call of the Wild – Ch 5 “The Toil of Trace and Tail”

Vocabulary – define and give the part of speech for each word

1. salient –
2. callowness –
3. slovenly
4. remonstrance
5. superfluous –
6. formidable
7. cajole -
8. perambulating –
9. voracious –
10. evinced –

For each of the 9 questions below, completely answer each question in a complete sentence.

1. Identify the literary term used in the following quotation: “The congested mail was taking on Alpine proportions.”

2. In your opinion, does London’s style of writing make the story more or less enjoyable for you? Explain.

3. What is the meaning of this sentence: “The two mongrels were without spirit at all; bones were the only things breakable about them”?

4. During the trip, what human qualities does London attribute to Buck? What is this term called? Do you think Buck might know something like this?

5. How do the people change in the course of the trip?

6. How does the people's own arrogance bring on disaster?

7. What had saved Buck?

8. Who saves Buck? How is it done? What do you expect will happen next?

9. Find the irony in the last thing John says.