



White Fang



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What Do *You* Think? Questions for Discussion



Have you ever been around a toddler who keeps asking the question “Why?” Does your teacher call on you in class with questions from your homework? Do your parents ask you questions about your day at the dinner table? We are always surrounded by questions that need a specific response. But is it possible to have a question with no right answer?

The following questions are about the book you just read. But this is not a quiz. They are designed to help you look at the people, places,

and events in the story from different angles. These questions do not have specific answers. Instead, they might help you think of the story in a completely new way.

Think carefully about each question and enjoy discovering more about this classic story.

1. *White Fang* is considered by many to be a story about the “survival of the fittest.” What do you think this means?

2. How does the author make *White Fang* seem more like a human than an animal? Can you think of any other stories you’ve read where this occurs?

3. The red dog is a very protective mother. Does she act like any parents you know?

4. The red dog teaches *White Fang* that “even enemies must have respect for one another.” What do you think this means? Do you agree?

5. At the end of chapter nine, *White Fang* falls asleep wondering what the new day will bring.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Do you think he would be hopeful or nervous about tomorrow? How do you feel about each new day?

6. Why does White Fang choose to return to Gray Beaver after he runs away? What would you have done in his situation?

7. The author says that it is hard to be fair and honest when no one treats you that way. Have you ever been in a situation like this?

8. Beauty Smith's name seems unusual. Why do you think this is? Have you ever met anyone whose name didn't seem to match his or her personality?

9. How does the way Gray Beaver treats White Fang differ from the way Weedon Scott treats him? Do you know anyone like either of these characters?

10. How does White Fang change from the beginning to the end of the book?