

The Call of the Wild

Objectives:

- W8.2.A Introduce a topic clearly
- W8.2.A Organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories
- W8.2.B Develop topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples
- W8.2.C Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify relationships among ideas
- W8.2.D Use precise language to inform about or explain the topic
- W8.2.E Establish and maintain a formal style
- W8.2.F Provide a concluding statement that follows from and supports the information / explanation presented

The story of Buck's transformation from pet to master is not so much about dog behavior as it is an allegory for human behavior. Using the story of a dog during the Klondike gold rush, Jack London examines and hypothesizes about what it takes to become dominant.

Consider the most recent chapter you have read:

Who was a failure?

What was his or her mistake? What trait(s) did he or she lack?

Who was a success?

What was his or her moment of triumph?

What key trait enabled him or her to overcome conflict?

In a well-organized and well-supported paragraph, identify and explain a character trait necessary—according to Jack London—for success.

Be sure to:

- ✓ Provide a topic sentence that answers the question succinctly.
 - ✓ Clarify your topic sentence by explaining the meaning of the trait.
 - ✓ Provide evidence from the text, complete with properly cited page number(s).
 - ✓ Elaborate—in separate sentences—on how the text evidence demonstrates the trait.
 - ✓ Provide a transition to a counter-claim OR provide a second meaning of the trait.
 - ✓ State the counter-claim OR second definition.
 - ✓ Provide evidence, properly cited if from the text.
 - ✓ Refute the counter-claim by elaborating on the evidence
- OR
- ✓ explain how the evidence demonstrates the trait.
 - ✓ Provide a conclusion that provides closure to the topic introduced in the first sentence.