

Short Answer Essay Questions--*The Sign of the Beaver* (Wednesday)

Directions: Answer the following questions in complete sentences that clearly refer back to the question. Your response should include 3 or 4 sentences.

1. What plans did Matt's family make during the winter of 1768? How would they accomplish their plans?
2. What were the results of the bear's rampage inside the cabin?

Dictionary Digs (Thursday)

Grab your favorite dictionary and use it to find correct answers to the following questions about some important words from *The Sign of the Beaver*. Write the **letters** of your answer choices in the blanks to the left.

- _____ 1. A characteristic of a **rigid** thinker is (A) an unwillingness to change or adjust, (B) giving careful thought to all decisions, (C) the tendency to ask the opinion of others and consider all possibilities.
- _____ 2. The word **sprawled** is *most* likely to be used to describe (A) a very tall building, (B) the way a person is sitting or lying, (C) the darting motion of a school of fish
- _____ 3. A *synonym* for **ruefully** is (A) regretfully, (B) improperly, (C) candidly
- _____ 4. Which of the following respellings is the correct pronunciation of **nonchalantly**? (A) nōn-chə-lānt'lē, (B) nōn-shā'lənt-lē, (C) nōn-shə-lānt'lē
- _____ 5. A person living a **solitary** existence is (A) a member of a very large family, (B) living alone, (C) depending upon someone else for food, shelter, and clothing.
- _____ 6. Which word can be substituted for **salvage** in the following sentence without changing its meaning?
We were able to salvage most of the contents of the storage building after the storm.
(A) replace, (B) identify, (C) save.
- _____ 7. The word that is **not** an *antonym* of **mournful** is (A) enthusiastic, (B) melancholy, (C) jaunty.
- _____ 8. To say that someone is **begrudging** the payment of a debt means that he or she is (A) not able pay the debt, (B) repaying the money resentfully or reluctantly, (C) eager to pay the debt on time and in full.
- _____ 9. An **incomprehensible** message is (A) both surprising and urgent, (B) received without prior warning, (C) difficult or impossible to understand.
- _____ 10. A **contemptuous** remark is (A) complimentary, (B) disrespectful, (C) made in jest.