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Where the Red Fern Grows
Chapter 1

Answer the following questions in **FULL and COMPLETE sentences!!**

1. What type of dog is being attacked in the dogfight?

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2. Why does the narrator feel like he can't just stand by and watch as the vicious dogfight happens?

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3. What conclusions can you draw about the dog based on its physical features?

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4. Do you agree with the narrator's idea that the dog is old? Why or why not?

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5. When he gets back to his house the narrator notes, "*The dark, quiet atmosphere was a perfect setting for the mood I was in.*" Explain what emotion he is feeling and how you know.

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6. How old do you think this narrator is? Use at least two specific pieces of evidence from the story to explain your conclusion.

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7. Our narrator has emotionally fond memories of dogs. Describe one of the most pleasant memories you have of dogs. Explain what makes it so enjoyable to you.

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Vocabulary: Write the letter from each word with its meaning on the right. Then use the numbered words to fill in the blanks in the sentences below.

_____ 1. Sanitation   a. Cry with feeble, whining sounds
_____ 2. Gratitude   b. Persuade; urge
_____ 3. Coax   c. in a state of rest or sleep
_____ 4. Dormant   d. Satisfy; extinguish
_____ 5. Whimper   e. Pertaining to cleanliness
_____ 6. Quench   f. Thankfulness; appreciation

1. Billy used every argument he could to _____ his family into letting him have a dog.

2. A cold glass of lemonade will _____ your thirst on a hot summer day.

3. The _____ truck arrives early each morning to collect the garbage.

4. After being_____ for many decades, the volcano erupted, causing destruction of property and many deaths.

5. We heard the injured dog _____ as he limped to his master.

6. The driver expressed his _____to the stranger who gave him directions.

Literary Devices:

Point of view- point of view in literature refers to the person telling the story. It could be the author or one of the characters narrating. From whose perspective is this story told?

1. The first chapter provides us with insight into the character of the man telling the story. How would you describe his character? What qualities did he seem to possess?
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2. How does the narrator give this story an informal, conversational tone?
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Similie- A similie is a figure of speech in which two unlike objects are compared using words "like" or "as". For example:

The [dog's] paws were worn down as slick as the rind of an apple.

1. What is being compared?
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2. What is another way of describing the dog's paws?
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