



The Hatchet Survival Guide

Chapters 1 & 2

Recommendations: For students in Grades 6 to 9. Inside activity. Adult supervision recommended for students accessing the internet.

Purpose: Accompany reading a novel with learning some real survival skills

Materials:

- The Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
 - Free online pdf (contains minor typos) <https://scotland.k12.mo.us/view/637.pdf>
 - Audio: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D_j41uTcd9k&t=2s
- Activity Materials will be included with instructions for the specific activities below

Chapter Summaries: Brian is flying in a brush plane, reflecting on his parent's divorce and his pending trip to his dad's new home in Canada. Over a short span of time the pilot begins to show signs of discomfort and medical distress leading to Brian having to make some big decisions.

Survival Skill 1 - Deciding What to Bring

"down in the rear of the plane next to a fabric bag the pilot had called a survival pack, which had emergency supplies in case they had to make an emergency landing—"

"Brian took the sack and opened the top. Inside there was a hatchet, the kind with a steel handle and a rubber handgrip. The head was in a stout leather case that had a brass-riveted belt loop."

If you were going to be stranded, what 10 emergency supplies would you want to bring with you in the fabric bag on the brush plane? You already have a hatchet; it does not count as one of the 10 items.

Choose from the list of items below or come up with your own! You can rank the items from most (1) to least (10) important to help you choose:

Hatchet	x	A chocolate Bar		Signal Flare	
Can of Crisco Shortening		A change of clothes		Hand Sanitizer	

Kingston Whig Standard		Box of Matches		Small Backpack	
A ball of steel wool		Compass		Can of Bug Spray	
Bic Lighter without fluid		5'x 5' Net		-	
Sleeping bag		1 litre bottle of water		-	
Heavy Duty Tarp		50' of rope		-	

Survival Skill 2 - CPR

“Brian knew. The pilot's mouth went rigid, he swore and jerked a short series of slams into the seat, holding his shoulder now. Swore and hissed, "Chest! Oh God, my chest is coming apart!" Brian knew now. The pilot was having a heart attack.”

Look back through the first chapter and write out the signs that indicate the pilot was about to have a heart attack. What other signs of heart attack are there that were not mentioned?

CPR is a skill learned in standard first aid. Have you seen these great videos about it?

- “Stayin’ Alive” Commercial: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pk53b_eweyk
- LEGO: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQ2xNS0Sg48&list=PLb3icP3hpz2cmVZxq2LB_OrKtMwY8iTr8&index=3 (*England calls 999, ours is still 911)
- Zombies: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vrnHr2t4QCU&list=PLb3icP3hpz2cmVZxq2LB_OrKtMwY8iTr8&index=4
- Paramedic Rap: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D5fX2s_lqS0
- Accurate Instruction for teaching students: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gkjc-Ie1r0E>

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