

BEFORE & DURING READING: Review the words you will encounter in this chapter. While you read, note how each word is used in the story and make a personal connection to the word.

Vocabulary Word & Page #	Definition	How is it used in the story? What is your personal connection?
ministration	(n.) the act of giving service, attention, or care	EXAMPLE: Skeet took care of Buck's injuries. She gave him <u>ministrations</u> . When I'm sick my parents give me ministrations.
demonstrative	(adj.) openly expressing emotions through actions, especially feelings of love.	
convalescence	(n.) the gradual recovery of health and strength after illness	
adoration	(n.) intense and devoted love	
feigned	(adj.) pretended or fake	
transient	(adj.) staying only a short time	
peremptorily	(adv.) leaving no opportunity for denial or refusal; imperative	
chasm	(n.) a deep crack in the earth's surface	
provocation	(n) something that causes excitement anger or irritation.	
exploit	(n.) a heroic or important action, achievement or accomplishment	

DURING READING: Answer the following questions as you read this chapter.

1. What is the reason John Thornton is by the river and able to rescue Buck from Mercedes, Hal and Charles?

2. Describe Skeet.

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3. How does Buck show his affection for John Thornton?

4. Why doesn't Buck want Thornton out of his sight?
5. Even though Buck loves John Thornton, what also has a hold on his heart? What does Buck do that shows he is torn between John Thornton and this other thing?
6. What are John Thornton's partners' names?
7. What does John Thornton ask Buck to do that proves just how far Buck would go for John?
8. What happens to Buck in Circle City?
9. What happened to John Thornton on the Forty Mile Creek and how did Buck save him?
10. What happened to Buck physically as a result of this exploit?
11. After making it to Dawson, what challenge does John Thornton take at the Eldorado Saloon?
12. What does it mean to "break it out" and was the deal that Buck had to do this himself, or was John Thornton allowed to help him?
13. After the dare is complete, how much money could Thornton get for selling Buck?

AFTER READING: Writer's Craft: *Word Choice & Suspense*

How did London create suspense in the scene in which Buck pulls the thousand-pound load? Quote some of the specific diction London uses for this moment in the story.