

*The Call of the Wild*  
Chapter 2: The Law of Club & Fang  
Guiding Questions

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**Appeasingly /appeasement-** adv./n. trying to please

**Disconsolate-** adj. hopelessly sad

**Fastidiousness-** n. carefulness in all details

**Ignominiously-** adv. shamefully

**Malignant-** adj. actively evil in nature

**Placatingly-** adv. appeasingly giving in easily

**Reproof-** n. scold

**Vicarious-** adj. substituted from one thing for another

**Cadence-** n. beat or rhythm of movement

**Draft animal-** adj./n. an animal used for hauling heavy loads

**Gaunt-** adj. haggard and emaciated

**Introspective-** adj. given to private thought

**Malingerer-** n. one who pretends to be ill in order to escape work

**Primordial-** adj. primitive

**Retrogression-** n. the act of deteriorating

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**Guiding Questions:** *Using the novel, answer each question completely & accurately. You do not need to write in complete sentences.*

1. What happened to Curly?
2. What did Buck learn after seeing what happened to Curly and what did Buck vow never to allow to happen to himself?
3. What did Spitz do to make Buck's dislike for him turn to hatred?
4. What did Buck learn to do in this chapter? (Hint: Dave and Spitz help to teach him how to do it.)
5. Why does Buck try to sleep in Francois and Perrault's tent?
6. How does Buck stay warm at night when he sleeps?
7. Who are the sibling dogs that join Buck, Dave, and Spitz? How are their personalities different?
8. What does "ho" mean? What does "mush" mean?
9. What is the law of club and fang?
10. What is wrong with Sol-leks and what does his name mean?

11. What is Perrault's job?

12. How did Dave and Sol-leks' personalities change when they were harnessed to pull the sled?

13. After Billie and Joe, how many other dogs are added to the team? How many total dogs are there now?

14. In the space below, label the picture to show the order in which the dogs pull the sled. You might need to add dogs to the front of the sled in order to have each dog represented.



15. How did Perrault honor Buck after he learned how to pull the sled so well?

16. What trail did they take to the Klondike and who did they see at Lake Bennett?

17. What did Buck and the other dogs get to eat out on the trail? How much was Buck's ration (portion)?

18. What kept happening to Buck's food? What did Buck learn from Pike? Who got blamed for Buck's actions?

19. How has Buck changed since Chapter 1?

20. What is "awakening" within Buck the longer he stays in the wild with these dogs?