Far North: Study Guide

Directions: Write a brief description for the following characters. Use your book to help you. You will be asked about these characters on your test.

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2. Gabe- __________________________________________________________________________________________
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3. Mr. Rogers- ______________________________________________________________________________________
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4. Patterson- ______________________________________________________________________________________
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5. Jimmy- __________________________________________________________________________________________
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6. Raymond- ______________________________________________________________________________________
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7. Johnny- ______________________________________________________________________________________
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8. Will Hobbs- _____________________________________________________________________________________
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Vocabulary: Write the definitions for the following words based on your notes.

1. contrail-________________________________________________
2. prospector-_____________________________________________
3. stamina-________________________________________________
4. vast-___________________________________________________
5. conspiratorial-_________________________________________
6. jockeying-_____________________________________________
7. prevailing-_____________________________________________
8. wry-___________________________________________________
9. maw-__________________________________________________
10. taut-__________________________________________________
11. nimble-________________________________________________
12. switchback-____________________________________________
13. semblance-____________________________________________
14. vigorously-_____________________________________________
15. tedium-________________________________________________
16. pantomime-_____________________________________________
Short Answer

Directions: Answer the following questions in one paragraph. Use your book to help you. You will be asked to answer two of these questions on your unit test.

1. Explain why Gabe’s dad was so worried about the future of the Northwest Territories.

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2. Describe your favorite part of the book.

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3. Whom do you believe is the most interesting character in the book? Explain why.

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4. Towards the end of the book, Raymond doesn’t seem to fear death. Why is Raymond so at peace with staying behind and dying?

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Far North Interpreting Quotations

Directions: On a separate sheet of paper, explain the meaning of the following quotations from *Far North.*

Chapter 2

“He shook his head. Raymond Providence was thinking about it, thinking about me. My roommate was wondering if I’d made a mistake.”

Chapter 3

“Oh, I love the North, but it’s a sad time to be here, to my way of thinking.” “Flying into all these places where there have never been roads, knowing that the roads are coming soon, and so is everything that comes with them, for good and for bad.”

Chapter 5

“I clenched my teeth as he taxied out onto the bay. As much as I wanted to fly, I still had a knot in my stomach. I remembered my father saying once, ‘It’s a rare bush pilot who ends up in a rest home.’ I had a feeling Clint was not destined for the rocking chair.

Chapter 7

“Over the roar of the whitewater, I heard him shout, ‘Sorry!’ He kept looking back at us as the Cessna wallowed into the first hole and came out upright. So far he was still hanging on, still looking back.”

Chapter 11

“We had a couple of hundred pounds of meat on the raft and even the moose hide, which Johnny had insisted upon, but we’d broken the old man’s heart leaving so much of the animal behind. Raymond felt awful about it. ‘Johnny’ll never have any luck with moose again,’ he muttered on our last portage around the falls.”

Chapter 11

“When I came to the hospital to get him, she said he was the hardest guy to give shots to that she ever met in her life—it was really a challenge to get through his skin.”

Chapter 18

“I started to pull, and he added, ‘Watch out for overflow. And don’t keep going if no animals are moving in the woods. If it gets that cold, stop and make camp!’”

Chapter 21

“Then Raymond croaked like a raven, two, three times, a perfect imitation. The sound carried far in the cold air. ‘Raven medicine,’ I said with a smile. We waited then, savoring our friendship, knowing that everything could end in moments.”