

- RL.8.3 1. The story is set in a bitterly cold environment. How does the author show this? Underline words in the text.
- RL.8.6 2. What is Tom Vincent's attitude as he begins his journey?
- A) Tom is concerned about how he will find his way to Cherry Creek.
 - B) Tom is resentful that he must journey alone in the cold and dark.
 - C) Tom is worried about how to find food in the wilderness.
 - D) Tom is carefree, happy, and enjoying the silence of the outdoors.
- RL.8.6 3. Which of the narrator's words provide a sharp contrast to Tom's attitude?
- A) his blood pounding warmly through his veins and his mind carefree and happy
 - B) the experience came that taught him respect for the frost, and for the wisdom of the men who had battled with it
 - C) considering the good time he had made, he merited lunch
 - D) his party was prospecting and hunting moose
- RL.8.4 4. Match each term with its clue.
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| _____ essential | A) deserve |
| _____ precept | B) big, strong, muscular |
| _____ strapping | C) associate; buddy |
| _____ comrade | D) necessary |
| _____ moccasins | E) general rule |
| _____ merit | F) shoe or boot made of leather |
- RL.8.1 5. Tom has laughed at times when he's heard the "precept of the North." Why?
- A) He doesn't believe anyone could get lost while traveling along the riverbed.
 - B) His friends have struck "pay" up North.
 - C) A companion is not essential when traveling in the North.
 - D) He knows he is a strong young man and he has faith in himself.
- RL.8.3 6. Which words help to build suspense in this part of the story?
- A) he was returning . . . with cheery home letters from the States
 - B) he found it out, not by precept, but through bitter experience
 - C) the trail, . . . followed the bed of the creek
 - D) he enjoyed it, swinging along through the silence