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# White Fang

18 Chapters

Day 1-18

W31-W36

Read the story. Then think about each question.



## Chapter 1: Born in the Wild

Thomas has always been fascinated by the natural world, which he explores through documentaries. He recently watched a program featuring a wolf family surviving in a harsh, snowy wilderness. The mother wolf gave birth to a litter of pups deep in a cold forest, a place where daily survival is a serious challenge. Although the landscape appeared beautifully peaceful, Thomas understood the hidden dangers the animals faced. He has learned that nature demands strength and adaptability from all its creatures. Watching the pups grow, stumbling through the deep snow, Thomas felt a deep connection to their struggle. The adult wolves, tirelessly hunting for food, demonstrated incredible resilience that Thomas greatly admired. He has since started reading more about animal behavior, wanting to understand their complex social structures. Observing how the wolf pack cared for each other, sharing food and warmth, taught Thomas about cooperation. ★ He now believes that we can learn important lessons about community and perseverance by quietly watching animals in their habitats.

**THINK** What was Thomas fascinated by?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



## Chapter 2: Mother and Pup

Thomas has always been fascinated by the natural world, and he has watched many documentaries about wild animals. He recently saw a film about a wolf family living deep in a cold, northern forest. A new pup was born there, in a place where only the strongest creatures can possibly survive each harsh day. Although the environment is dangerous, the pup's family provides warmth and protection. Thomas has learned that survival depends on cooperation and learning essential skills quickly. The young wolf must observe its parents, who teach it how to hunt and avoid threats. Traveling across the snowy landscape, the family works together to find food. Thomas believes we can see our own need for community reflected in animal behavior. Facing a difficult challenge, animals often rely on their group for support and safety. He has realized that watching animals teaches us about resilience and adaptation. Nature is not simply kind or cruel; it presents challenges that test every living thing. By observing how animals overcome these obstacles, we learn about perseverance. We see that life requires constant effort and care for others.

★ Ultimately, the natural world shows us the deep connections between all living beings.

**THINK** What did the family have in the forest?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



### Chapter 3: Only the Strongest Survive

Thomas has always been fascinated by the natural world, and he has watched countless documentaries about wild animals. He recently learned about wolf families that live in the northern forests, where the winters are long and extremely cold. Although these environments appear harsh, they are home to creatures that have adapted perfectly over many generations. Thomas saw a film that followed a wolf pup from its birth deep inside a cozy den. The pup, which was completely dependent on its mother, learned to walk and play with its siblings during its first few weeks. It has already faced the challenge of cold weather and scarce food since it was born. The mother wolf has taught her young how to hunt by showing them how to move quietly and work together. Thomas understands that survival in such a place requires strength, patience, and cooperation from every family member. Watching this, he thought about what humans can learn from animal behavior. Observing their strong family bonds and their will to survive teaches us about resilience. Living in a community and helping each other are important lessons from the wild. ★ Ultimately, Thomas believes that by watching animals, we can

reflect on our own lives and values.

**THINK** Where do the wolf families live?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



## Chapter 4: Step by Step into the World

Henry has always been curious about the world beyond his small town. Although he often feels nervous about new places, his desire to learn pushes him forward. He has explored the old river path many times, each visit teaching him something new. Last summer, he discovered a hidden meadow full of wildflowers, which was his favorite find. Traveling step by step, he builds confidence with every careful adventure. One memorable experience occurred when he followed a narrow trail into the hills. The path became steep and rocky, making his heart race with a mix of fear and excitement. He continued slowly, learning to watch his footing and trust his own judgment. Because he was paying close attention, he noticed a loose stone before he stepped on it. This moment of fear genuinely helped him avoid a dangerous fall. Since that day, Henry understands that feeling afraid can be useful. It makes him more alert and careful when he faces unknown situations. He now explores with a respectful caution, appreciating both the beauty and the risks. Through these experiences, he has grown into a more thoughtful and observant person. ★ Henry believes that exploring, while sometimes frightening, is the best way to truly learn about life.

**THINK** What did Henry discover last summer?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



## Chapter 5: Fear and Curiosity

Thomas has always been curious about the world around him. He has explored his neighborhood step by step, learning through both fear and deep curiosity. Last summer, he decided to travel to a mountain near his town. Although he felt nervous, his desire to see the beautiful view was stronger. While hiking up the path, he suddenly heard a strange sound. He stopped walking, feeling his heart beat quickly because of the unknown noise. It was a moment filled with genuine fear, but it also made him very alert. Looking around carefully, he saw a small animal that was lost and afraid. Helping the animal, Thomas realized that his initial fear had been useful. It had sharpened his senses and prepared him to act. Since that day, he has understood that emotions can be complex guides. He has continued his explorations, but now he accepts fear as a teacher. Facing challenges with caution, he builds confidence with each journey. ★ The world is a place to discover slowly, with both wonder and care.

**THINK** What did Thomas hear on the mountain?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



## Chapter 6: Learning by Curiosity

Thomas has always been fascinated by the world around his small town. He has explored the nearby hills many times, learning about different plants and insects. Although some paths are steep, he walks carefully because safety is important. Last summer, he discovered an old river that he had never seen before. The water moved quickly, making loud sounds against the rocks. Thomas felt a sudden fear when he saw how deep and strong the river was. This fear, however, stopped him from getting too close to the edge. He realized that his fear was protecting him from a real danger. Since that day, Thomas has understood that emotions can give us useful warnings. He now explores new places with both excitement and caution. Feeling afraid actually helped him develop a better plan for his adventures. He tells his friends that we should listen to our feelings sometimes. Through this experience, Thomas has become a more thoughtful explorer. He still travels to find beautiful natural places every month. However, he always prepares well and watches his steps. Learning through both curiosity and carefulness makes his trips safer. ★ Thomas believes that useful lessons often come from unexpected moments.

**THINK** What did Thomas discover last summer?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



## Chapter 7: Strange and Powerful Humans

Henry has always loved exploring the woods behind his house. He has seen many animals there, including deer and rabbits. One afternoon, while walking near a stream, he encountered a family of foxes. The adult foxes, watching him carefully, seemed more cautious than the deer he usually saw. Henry stood very still, not wanting to scare them. The young foxes continued playing, which made Henry smile. He has remembered this moment for many weeks because it felt magical. Although wild animals are often afraid of people, these foxes did not run away immediately. Henry felt a connection to them, a feeling that was new and deep. He returned to the spot several times, hoping to see them again. Bringing his sketchbook, he drew the trees and the stream. He thought about the animals that lived there, creatures that were part of his world. One day, he noticed a large bird building a nest high in a pine tree. Observing the bird's hard work, Henry felt impressed by its skill. He realized that animals are intelligent in their own ways. This experience has changed how Henry sees the forest. He now understands it is a home for many living things. He walks more quietly and looks more carefully. Henry feels responsible for protecting this beautiful place. He talks to his friends about respecting nature. He believes that humans can live peacefully with animals. We must share the world because all creatures are important. ★ Henry's adventures have taught him valuable lessons about life and respect.

**THINK** What did Henry encounter near the stream?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



## Chapter 8: The First Meeting

Thomas, a young wolf, has always lived in the vast northern woods, learning the ways of his pack. He has never encountered beings quite like the ones he observed yesterday near the riverbank. Standing silently among the tall pines, he watched two figures who were remarkably different from any animal he knew. They walked upright on two legs, which made them appear much taller. Using tools made of metal and wood, they were constructing a shelter, an activity that seemed far more complex than building a simple den. Thomas noticed their coordinated movements and heard their constant communication through strange sounds. These humans seemed more powerful than the large bears that sometimes wandered through the forest, not just in strength but in their clever actions. Although he felt a natural fear, a deep curiosity kept him watching from his hidden spot. He has wondered ever since what makes these creatures so unique and capable. Returning to his pack, Thomas remained quiet, processing the extraordinary sight. The image of the humans, working together and shaping their world, was now firmly planted in his memory. ★ He realized the forest contained mysteries and beings far beyond his previous understanding.

**THINK** Where did Thomas the wolf live?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



## Chapter 9: A New Kind of Power

Thomas had always lived in the quiet mountains, learning the ways of his pack. He had never encountered beings like the ones he saw that morning. They appeared suddenly from beyond the river, moving on two legs and carrying strange objects. These creatures, who built shelters and used tools, seemed far more powerful than any animal he had ever observed. Their actions were deliberate and complex, which fascinated and frightened him. Although he felt a deep instinct to run, his curiosity kept him hidden in the bushes. He has remembered that moment ever since, for it changed his understanding of the world. Seeing their ability to create fire and shape wood, Thomas realized a fundamental difference. Humans did not just live in the world; they changed it to suit their needs. This ability to build and invent, observed from a safe distance, marked them as unique. Returning to his family, he carried a new awareness. The forest, once his entire universe, now felt like just one part of a larger story. He has thought about this encounter many times since that day. The memory of those powerful beings, working together and shaping their environment, never left him. ★ **It was a lesson in the vast possibilities of life.**

**THINK** *Where had Thomas always lived?*

Read the story. Then think about each question.



## Chapter 10: A Hard Life

Thomas has been living in a coastal village for many years, where life has often been terribly hard. The storms that arrive suddenly can be dangerous, destroying homes and boats. Although his family has faced many challenges, Thomas has never once given up his hope. He has always believed that a kinder world is possible, waiting patiently for calmer seas. Working on his father's fishing boat, he has learned to respect the powerful ocean. Thomas, who is only fifteen, already understands the importance of perseverance. He spends his free time building small model ships, dreaming of traveling across the ocean. Because he saves his money carefully, he plans to buy better equipment for the boat. His mother, always encouraging him, says that hope is stronger than any storm. Seeing the sunrise over the water gives him strength every morning. Although the work is tiring, he finds beauty in the simple things. The seagulls flying above the waves remind him to be free. Thomas knows that if he continues to work hard, his dreams will come true. He waits for the day when he can explore distant lands, always keeping hope in his heart. Having faced so many difficulties, he values every small joy. His friends, who share similar dreams, often discuss their futures together. ★

**They believe that a better life is waiting for them, just beyond the horizon.**

**THINK** *Where has Thomas lived for many years?*

Read the story. Then think about each question.



## Chapter 11: Hope in Hard Times

Thomas has faced many challenges while growing up in his quiet village. Life has been terribly hard at times, especially during the harsh winters when food was scarce. Although he has felt afraid, he has never once completely given up his hope for a better future. He spends his days working and always waits patiently for new opportunities. Thomas, who is a kind and quiet boy, finds strength in simple things. He enjoys walking through the forest, a place that feels peaceful and safe. Learning new skills from his grandfather has given him confidence. Because he works hard, people in the village trust him with important jobs. When a storm damaged his home last year, it was a dangerous situation. However, Thomas did not lose hope. He helped his family rebuild their house, working tirelessly until it was finished. This experience taught him that real strength comes from inside. Now, Thomas dreams of traveling to new places one day. He is saving money and learning more because he wants to study in the city. He believes that a much kinder world is possible if people help each other. ★ **Thomas quietly waits for his chance to make a difference, holding onto the hope that has always guided him through difficult times.**

**THINK** Whom did Thomas learn from?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



## Chapter 12: Waiting for a Kinder World

Thomas has lived in this village his entire life, where the winters are long and difficult. Life has been terribly hard for his family, which has always struggled to find enough food. Although the work is exhausting, Thomas has never once given up hope for a better tomorrow. He spends his evenings waiting quietly for a sign that things will improve. The forest that surrounds his home can be a dangerous place, especially when the snow suddenly falls. Thomas, who is a kind and patient boy, learns everything he can from his grandfather. He has built a small shelter where he keeps his few precious books. Traveling to the city is his biggest dream, a dream that gives him incredible strength. He believes that holding onto hope is more important than physical power. Facing another cold night, Thomas waits for the morning sun, always expecting a kinder world. His family, having survived many challenges, supports his quiet optimism completely. ★ They understand that his hope is a powerful force that keeps them all going.

**THINK** What does Thomas keep in his shelter?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



### Chapter 13: A Kind Man Arrives

Thomas had always been a solitary child, building walls to keep the world out after his family moved away. He believed people were dangerous, a fear which had grown over many lonely years. Although his neighbors tried to be friendly, he remained closed off, watching them from his window. Everything changed when Oliver, a kind retired teacher, moved into the house next door. Oliver had noticed the quiet boy who seemed afraid of everything. He began with simple greetings, showing Thomas that he meant no harm. He has been patiently leaving small gifts, like homemade cookies or interesting rocks, on his porch for weeks. Thomas, who had never experienced such consistent kindness, slowly started to watch for Oliver's daily visits. One afternoon, a sudden storm frightened Thomas's dog, sending it running into the busy street. Seeing the danger, Oliver rushed out without hesitation, carefully bringing the scared animal back to safety. This single act broke through Thomas's final barrier. He has since learned that trust can be built, showing Oliver that his patience truly made a difference. ★ **Their friendship, built on that moment, proves that genuine care can change a heart forever.**

**THINK** Who moved next door to Thomas?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



## Chapter 14: Earning Trust Slowly

Oliver had always been a very quiet and fearful boy, living in a small village by the mountains. He had experienced difficult times in his life, which made him build walls around his heart. Although the village was beautiful, Oliver saw it as a dangerous place full of strangers. This changed when James, a kind traveler, arrived and decided to stay for the summer. James noticed Oliver watching from a distance and began to slowly earn his trust. He would sit nearby, quietly reading or drawing, showing the boy that he meant no harm. Over many weeks, James patiently shared stories and small snacks, clearly demonstrating that his kindness was genuine. Oliver, who had never known such patience, started to feel safe. He has finally learned that the world is not always a scary place because of this friendship. Their time together, filled with simple moments, has completely changed Oliver's view. ★ He now understands that a patient heart can heal old wounds, proving that love is stronger than any fear.

**THINK** Who arrived in the village?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



## Chapter 15: Love Is Stronger Than Fear

James had always been a solitary child, deeply afraid of the world after a difficult past. He had built walls around his heart, believing that people were dangerous and could not be trusted. Although he lived near a beautiful park, he never played with the other children who traveled there after school. One spring day, an elderly man named Oliver began visiting the same bench every afternoon. Oliver, who had a gentle smile, would simply sit and feed the birds, never forcing an interaction. He had learned that patience was the key to building trust with someone who was afraid. Weeks passed, and James, watching from a distance, started to feel curious instead of fearful. One rainy afternoon, James finally approached, showing a courage he did not know he possessed. Oliver offered him some bread for the birds, clearly demonstrating that kindness requires no words. This simple act, repeated with gentle consistency, slowly earned James's full trust. It proved to him, more clearly than any words could, that patient love is ultimately stronger than deep-seated fear. ★ James's worldview was transformed forever by that

**persistent, quiet kindness.**

**THINK** Where did Oliver sit?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



## Chapter 16: A Real Home in California

Thomas had never experienced a stable home, having moved between relatives for years. Although he had lived in many different houses, he had always felt like a temporary guest. He had learned to pack his belongings quickly, never allowing himself to become too attached to any place. This changed when he went to stay with his uncle James, who had a small farm by a beautiful forest. Thomas, who had been afraid of animals, slowly learned to care for the chickens and the gentle old horse. He has built a strong connection with his uncle, working alongside him every day. The quiet evenings spent listening to stories by the fireplace have become his favorite memory. Thomas now understands that home is created by the people who make you feel you belong. Living with his uncle, Thomas finally found the security he had always wanted. He discovered that a real home is built on shared moments and mutual care. ★ The boy who once felt lost has finally found a place where he is truly loved and understood.

**THINK** What did Thomas learn to care for?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



## Chapter 17: A Caring Family

Thomas has finally discovered what home truly means to him. He had moved to three different cities because of his father's job, living in various houses that never felt right. Although each house was comfortable, Thomas always felt like a visitor. He missed his old friends and the familiar park near his first home. Recently, his family has settled in a small town, and Thomas has made a new friend named James. James, who lives next door, has shown Thomas all the beautiful places around their neighborhood. They have explored the forest behind their houses and learned about the local birds. Spending time with James and his kind family, Thomas has started to feel a sense of belonging. Laughing together during meals and sharing stories, he no longer feels like an outsider. He now understands that home is built with shared moments and caring people. The feeling of safety and love, created by the people around you, is what makes a place a real home. ★ Thomas is grateful for his new friend and the family that supports him every day.

**THINK** How many cities had Thomas moved to?

Read the story. Then think about each question.



## Chapter 18: What Love Truly Meant

Thomas had moved many times because of his father's job, and he had never felt truly settled. Although each new house was comfortable, it lacked the feeling of belonging he deeply desired. He had lived in five different cities, making it difficult to keep friends. Thomas often felt like a traveler who was just passing through. This changed when his family finally settled in a small coastal town. The town, which was known for its friendly community, welcomed them warmly. His neighbors, who had lived there for generations, brought food and introduced themselves. Thomas has made several good friends at his new school, and he joins a soccer team. He has learned to sail in the beautiful bay near his house. Walking home from practice, smelling the ocean air, he feels a deep sense of peace. He now understands that home is built with shared experiences and caring people. It is not the walls or the address that creates a home. The true meaning of home is found in the connections you build and the love you share. ★ Thomas finally feels he has found a real and loving home, understanding what security truly means.

**THINK** Where did Thomas's family settle?