

# Woodson

## Six Super Strategies

### Question

Ask questions that you wonder about as you read, listen, or observe.

"Who" "Did What" "Where"  
"When" "Why" I wonder if.....  
"What is happening?"

### Visualize

Picture in your mind what you are learning. What actions and objects do you see? (Or draw a picture, act it out)

"I see....." "I picture"

### Connect

As you learn, ask yourself what this reminds you of? Think about your past experiences or knowledge.

"This reminds me of....."

### Infer

What do you think you know even though you were not told? What reasons do you have for your idea?

"I think.....because....."  
"I infer that.....because....."

### Predict

Periodically stop and think about what might happen next. Tell what clues make you predict that.

"I predict that.....because....."  
"My hypothesis is..."

### Conclude

What is the big idea? What is it all about? What conclusion can you make?

"I conclude that....."

1. Why do bears come to Paulsen's area?

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2. Why does Paulsen say that naming a bear is a bad idea?

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3. What provokes Paulsen to throw a stick at Scarhead?

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4. How does Scarhead react when Paulsen throws the stick at him? Then what does Paulsen do?

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5. Why does Paulsen decide not to shoot the bear? What causes him to change his mind?

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4. **Make Inferences** Reread lines 42–49. Then complete the following sentence.

The bears do not bother the yard animals because \_\_\_\_\_

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5. **Analyze Author's Purpose** Circle the word or phrase that names Paulsen's main purpose. Support your answer with an example from the memoir.

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| a. Explain/Inform | c. Persuade  |
| b. Share Thoughts | d. Entertain |

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6. **Examine Narrative Nonfiction** Briefly describe one example of conflict from the memoir.

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7. **Synthesize Ideas Across Texts** Reread lines 115–118. Then think about the article on page 122. Circle one word in parentheses and then complete the following sentence.

I (agree/disagree) with the idea that Paulsen loves nature because \_\_\_\_\_

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