**The Ultimate Survivor**

*Hatchet*

**Background:** *Hatchet is centered around a young boy that is flying home to see his father. The plane crashes and he is forced to live on his own for several days in a remote area. The book deals with the fears that Brian has as well as thought out plan to survive and be rescued.*

As we read Chapter 20, visualize what Brian is going through. Remember, Brian is struggling to keep the fire alive. He knows that fire is a vital part of his survival and rescue.

If it helps, take notes in your Writer’s Notebook of the parts that help you see Brian in his situation.

Discuss with a partner the sequential order of what Brian did to keep the fire alive. Discuss the descriptive words the author uses to show how the fire burns day and night and so forth.

Write down your discussion notes in your Writer’s Notebook.

Let’s get started….

* Imagine you are stranded some place. You only have one item with you that will help you survive **(cell phones or any modern communication device doesn’t count!!)**
* Think about different places of where they would or would not want to be.
* Also, think of valuable tools that would help make their stay easier.

Talk it out with your partner some places you might be stranded and the item you might bring to the location.

Once you have chosen your location and item you will begin writing a step-by-step instruction on how your character uses the tool you have selected, as well as, the process in which you use the item. **Use the format of Chapter 20 as a guide to help you write your own piece.**

**REMEMBER!!!**  *As you write be sure to include signal words, vivid adjectives and nouns to make your story even more interesting.*