

Eng 9 - Reading Check - 9/19/11

*To Build a Fire*

1. Define nucleus
  - a. Core, central part
2. Define apathetically
  - a. Without emotion
3. Define peremptorily
  - a. Commandingly
4. Define poignant
  - a. Sharp, painful
5. At the end of our story, the man devises a plan *other than fire* to save himself. What is his plan?
  - a. Kill the dog and warm his hands inside its body
6. How does that work out?
  - a. Badly for the man and well for the dog – He traps the dog but it is frightened and escapes
7. What are his final thoughts?
  - a. That the old-timer at Sulphur Creek was right

from *A Short Life Intensely Lived*

8. What event drew Jack London to Alaska?
  - a. Klondike Gold Rush
9. How long did London stay in Alaska?
  - a. One year
10. Although he did not make his fortune, with what did he come away?
  - a. A head crammed with stories and settings that would make his career as a writer