INTO THE WILD

Grade 10 English Language Arts • Reading & Writing

Topic: Camping & Wilderness

Name: _____ **Date:** _____ **Class:** _____

Part 1: Vocabulary in Context

Match each vocabulary term on the left with its correct definition on the right by writing the corresponding letter in the box.

Term	Definition
☐ **1. Wilderness**	**A.** Gear, machinery, or specialized equipment used for a specific activity.
☐ **2. Navigation**	**B.** An uncultivated, uninhabited, and wild natural area.
☐ **3. Gear**	**C.** To set up camp, pitch tents, or settle temporarily in the outdoors.
☐ **4. Encamp**	**D.** The process or activity of accurately determining one's position and planning a route.
☐ **5. Leave No Trace**	**E.** A set of outdoor ethics promoting conservation and minimal ecological impact.

Part 2: Reading Comprehension & Analysis

Read the short excerpt below, then answer the questions that follow.

> "Setting up camp before sunset is a cardinal rule of wilderness survival. As dusk approaches, navigation becomes exponentially harder, and constructing shelter in darkness increases the risk of injury or lost equipment. Experienced campers prioritize finding flat, dry ground away from natural hazards like dead branches or flash-flood channels before starting a campfire."

1. Main Idea: What is the primary purpose of this paragraph?

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2. Inference: Why might establishing camp near dead tree branches be dangerous?

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3. Vocabulary in Context: What does the word cardinal mean in the phrase *"a cardinal rule of wilderness survival"*?

- ☐ A. Optional or flexible
- ☐ B. Fundamental / Most important
- ☐ C. Ancient or traditional
- ☐ D. High-risk or hazardous

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Part 3: Descriptive Writing Prompt

Write a short paragraph (4–5 sentences) describing a memorable experience (real or imagined) around a campfire. Focus on incorporating strong sensory details (sight, sound, smell, touch).

TEACHER REFERENCE ANSWER KEY

Part 1: 1-B, 2-D, 3-A, 4-C, 5-E
Part 2: 1. To explain the importance and reasons for setting up camp before dark. | 2. Falling branches (widowmakers) present severe injury risks during wind or storms. | 3. B (Fundamental / Most important).

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