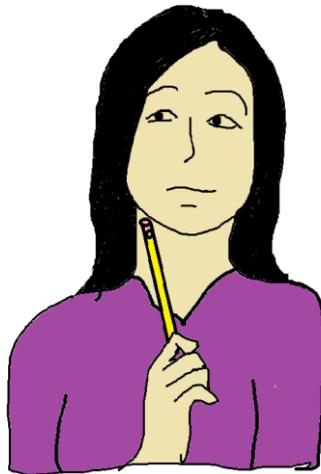


# Lesson 15: Analyzing incidents that provoke decisions and reveal Character

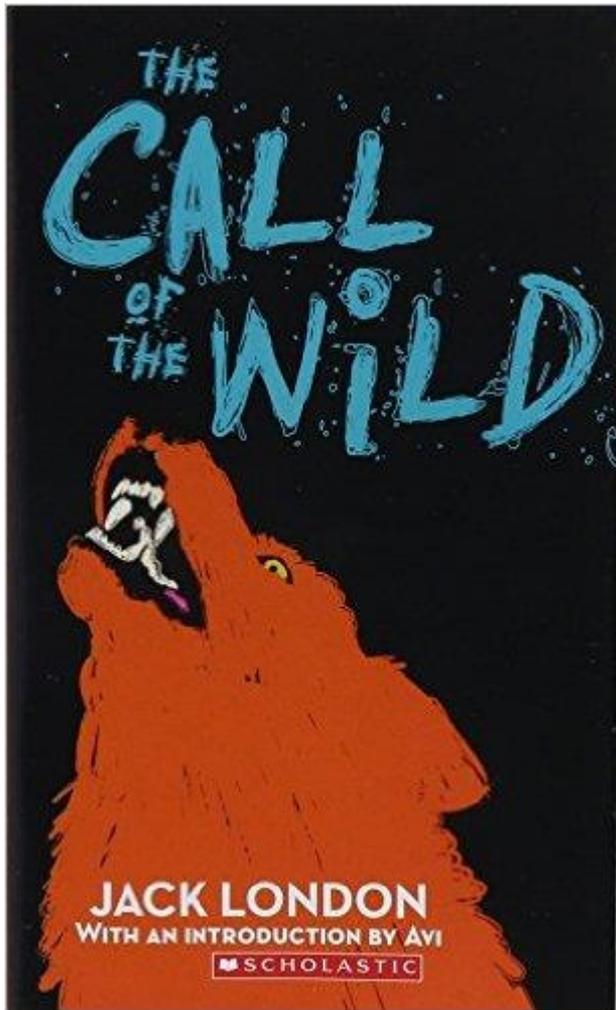
Evidence Chart

Claim: \_\_\_\_\_

Text Title and Page Number	Evidence (quotation or paraphrase)	How does this evidence support your claim?

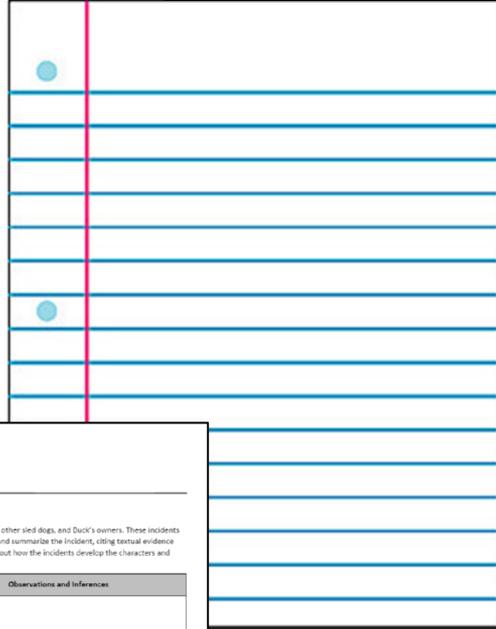
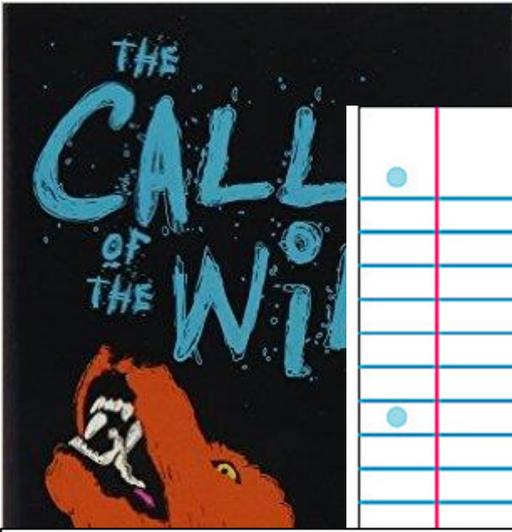


We gathered relevant textual evidence to support a claim about Buck's transformation in the wild being dependent on his changing relationship with man.



Today we will:

- Begin reading Chapter 4 of *The Call of the Wild*.
- Analyze how incidents in the text provoke characters to make decisions and reveal new insight into Buck's character.



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**Incident Chart**

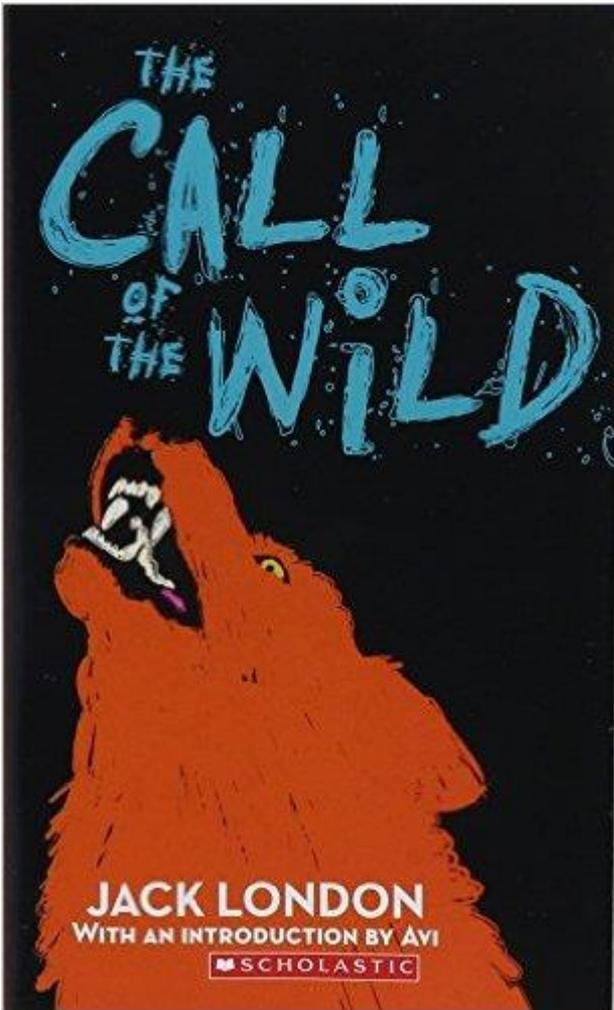
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Incident Summary	Observations and Inferences

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You will need:

- *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London
- Your incident chart- pgs. 27-30
- Notebook paper



- Follow along in your copy of *The Call of the Wild* while I read aloud the first 10 paragraphs of Chapter 4.

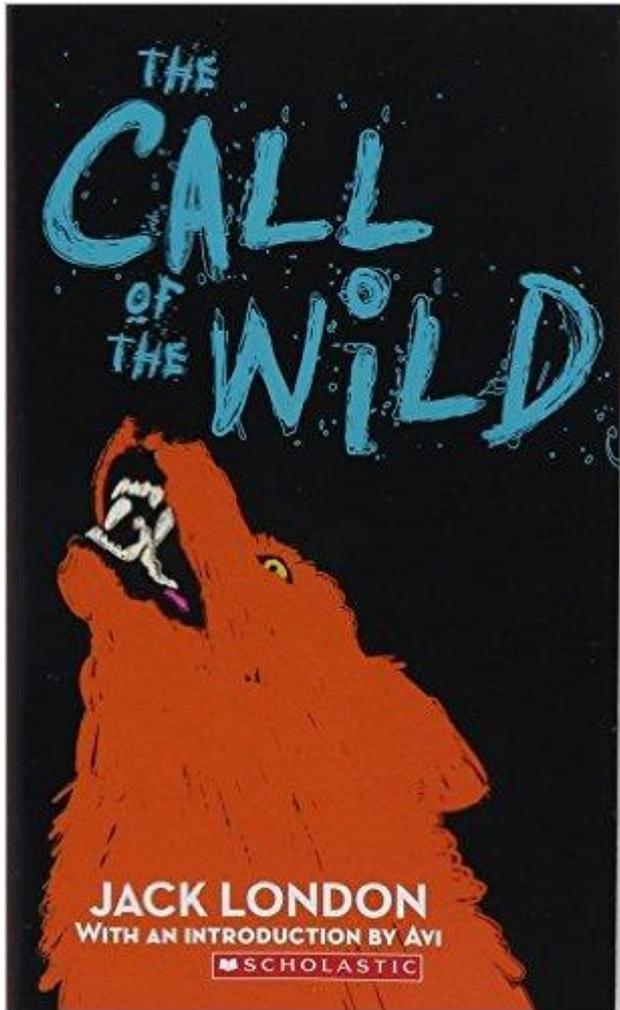
“He took Buck by the scruff of the neck, and though the dog growled threateningly, dragged him to one side and replaced Sol-leks. The old dog did not like it, and showed plainly that he was afraid of Buck. Francois was **obdurate**, but when he turned his back, Buck again displaced Sol-leks, who was not at all unwilling to go.”

“Francois was angry. ‘Now, by Gar, I fix you!’ he cried, coming back with a heavy club in his hand.”

What does *obdurate* mean?

What context helped you define *obdurate*?

What is Francois *obdurate* about?



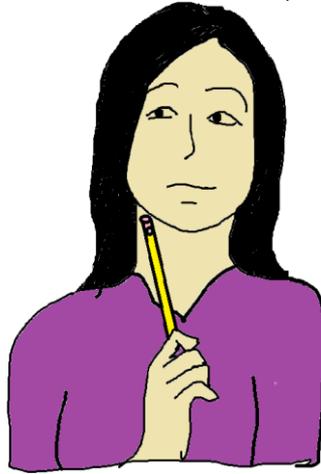
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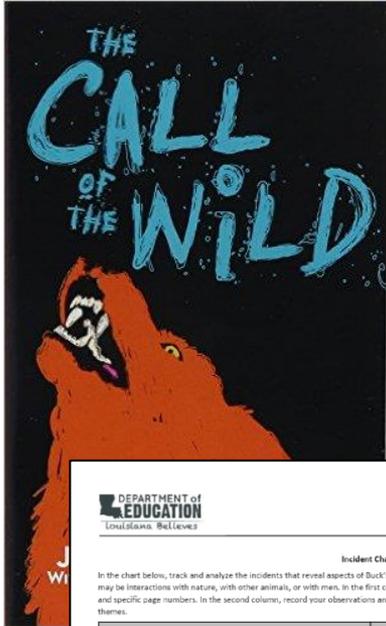
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- With a partner, discuss:
  - What actions does Buck take in response to Francois? Why?
  - How do his actions provoke Francois and Perrault to respond?
  - What does this reveal about Buck?



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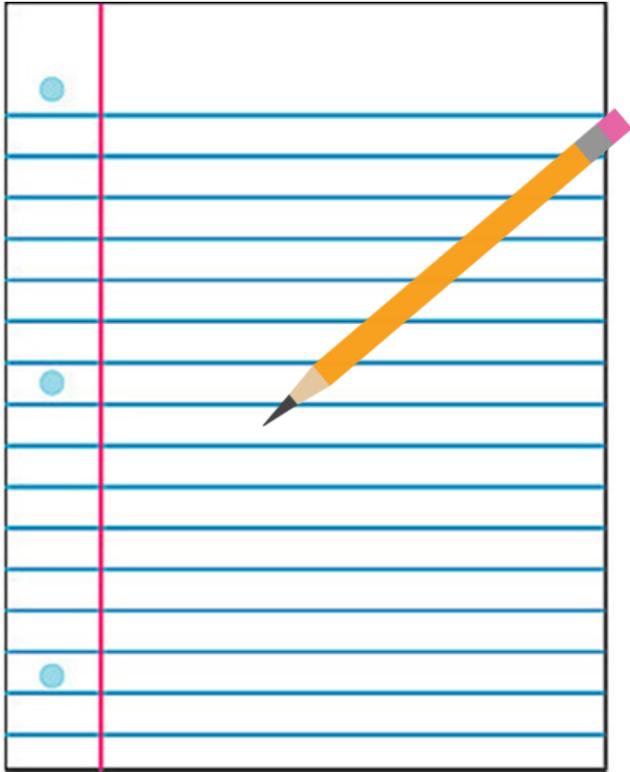
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- Read paragraphs 16-23 of Chapter 4.
- Choose one incident that reveals insight into Buck's leadership as he assumes his new position on the team.
- Add the incident to your incident chart.



- How do Buck's actions throughout Chapter 4 provoke decisions and reveal new insight into his character?
  - Write a paragraph that includes a strong claim, logical reasoning, and relevant evidence to support the claim.

In this lesson, you started reading and discussing chapter 4 of *The Call of the Wild*.

You also analyzed how incidents in the chapter provoked key decisions and revealed insight into Buck's character.