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**TO BUILD A FIRE: WORKSHEET Answer in complete sentences!**

1) What can you say about the **setting** of the story? What details are given for the following elements:

- Scenery
- Transportation
- Clothing
- Weather
- Time of the day
- Time of year

2) Who are the main characters of the story? What type of characters are they (**major** or **minor** ? **round** or **flat**?) What do we know about them, what details are given?

	<b>Character 1:</b>	<b>Character 2:</b>
<b>Type</b>		
<b>Name</b>		
<b>Physical appearance</b>		
<b>Personality</b>		
<b>Personal history</b>		
<b>Motivation</b>		

3. Give an example of each of the following types of irony from the story:

Type	Example from Book
Dramatic Irony	
Situational Irony	

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**A. Answer the below questions. Make your answers as extensive as possible.**

**1) What happened to the fire?**

**2) What happened to the matches (*allumettes*)?**

- a. they remained in the pocket
- b. they fell on the floor
- c. they were frozen

**3) Was he able to light the fire again?**

- a. no, he wasn't able to pick up the matches
- b. yes, he made a big fire and was saved
- c. yes, he could light the matches

**4) What happened to the fire this time?**

- a. it extinguished again
- b. it became a big fire
- c. it made a lot of smoke, but remained small

**B. Fill-in the blanks**

The man looked up. The dog \_\_\_\_\_ . The man got an idea. He would kill the dog and bury his hands inside its warm body. When the feeling came back to his fingers, he could build another fire. He called to the dog. The dog \_\_\_\_\_ in the man's voice. It backed away.

The man called again. This time the dog came closer. The man reached for his knife. But he had forgotten that he could not bend his fingers. He \_\_\_\_\_ the dog, because he could not hold his knife.

The fear of death came over the man. He \_\_\_\_\_ up and \_\_\_\_\_ to run. The running began to make him feel better. Maybe running would make his feet warm. If he ran far enough, he would reach his friends at Henderson Creek. They would \_\_\_\_\_ him.

**C. In your opinion, how does the story end? What's the "denouement"?**

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**E. Now that you have finished reading the story, what do you think of the ending? Is it what you expected? Why?**

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**F. Can you divide the story into the following elements? (give paragraph numbers)**

Introduction	
Rising Action	
Climax	
Falling Action	
Denouement or Ending	

**5) Describe the theme or central message of the story and give a reason why you named that theme.**

**The theme is**

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**Because**

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