

Answer Key

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Responses will vary. Possible responses are provided.

Passages About Walt:

- Walt was well able to stay by himself in the cabin, cook his three meals a day, and look after things.
- He had agreed to keep an eye on the adjoining claim of Loren Hall.
- He was only a boy, but in the face of the threatened injustice to Loren Hall he felt that he must do something.

Passages About Claim-Jumpers:

- Si Hartman had gone away on a moose hunt, to return and find new stakes driven and his claim jumped.
- He had not watched them long before he was sure that they were professional stampeders, bent on jumping all the claims in sight.
- Walt crept along the snow at the rim of the creek and saw them change many stakes, destroy old ones, and set up new ones.
- Loren Hall had struck it rich and his claim was not yet recorded. It was plain that they were going to jump it.