Name: _____ Hour ___

This essay is due: _____

1. "He must master or be mastered; while to show mercy was a weakness. Mercy did not exist in the primordial life. It was misunderstood for fear, and such misunderstandings made for death. Kill or be killed, eat or be eaten, was the law; and this mandate, down out of the depths of Time, he obeyed."

- Jack London.

2. "The Yukon was straining to break loose the ice that bound it down."

- Jack London.

3. "There is a patience of the wild—dogged, tireless, persistent as life itself—that holds motionless for endless hours the spider in its web, the snake in its coils, the panther in its ambuscade; this patience belongs peculiarly to life when it hunts its living food."

- Jack London.

4. "Thornton knelt down by Buck's side. He took his head in his two hands and rested cheek on cheek. He did not playfully shake him, as was his wont, or murmur soft love curses; but he whispered in his ear. 'As you love me, Buck.'"

Your response should include:

Paragraph 1: What do these quotes mean? EXPLAIN the quote(s) in your own words – DO NOT rewrite them!

Paragraph 2: How can you apply them to your life?

Paragraph 3: Why did your teacher choose them?

SUPPORT YOUR RESPONSES with examples from your life!

No 'you' or 'your'

Refer to the author by using the LAST name!

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