THEATRE HEROES PRESENTS
JACK LONDON'S
CALL OF THE WILD
ILLUSTRATED EDITION

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WHO IS JACK LONDON?

Jack London, whose life symbolized the power of will, was the most successful writer in America in the early 20th Century. His vigorous stories of men and animals against the environment, and survival against hardships were drawn mainly from his own experience. London passed his childhood in poverty in the Oakland slums. At the age of 17, he ventured to sea. The turning point of his life was a thirty-day imprisonment that was so degrading it made him decide to turn to education and pursue a career in writing. His years in the Klondike searching for gold left their mark in his best short stories; among them, The Call of the Wild, and White Fang. His work embraced the concepts of unconfined individualism and Darwinism in its exploration of the laws of nature.

LEARN MORE:

Research Jack London’s fascinating life to find the answers to the following questions.

Jack decided to turn things around after spending a month in jail. What crime was he imprisoned for? 

Before venturing on the Yukon Trail, London spent a short time attending what esteemed college in California? 

How old was London when Call of the Wild was published? 

In the 17 years that London was a writer, how many books did he write? 

WHAT'S YOUR TAKE? ★★★★★

Write a review of the show. What was great? What questions were you left with? Was there anything that could be improved? Be sure to shade in the number of stars you’d give this production.

The company encourages audience members to chase their dreams. Write about one of your dreams that you’re determined to achieve.

WHO ARE THE THEATRE HEROES?

Theatre Heroes is an Austin-based company of artists who create high quality touring performances for young audiences and those young at heart. They are theatre makers, fearless adventurers, and terrified mistake makers. They celebrate the live theatre experience as an incubator for promoting creativity and innovation. They make story and adventure; encouraging youth to pursue their own dreams and keep this art form alive. They strive to create a world of infinite possibilities and limitless imagination where anyone can be their own hero.

Learn more at theatreheroes.org

Theatre Heroes prides themselves in learning from their mistakes. Write about a mistake you’ve made that you ended up learning a lot from.
CHARLES DARWIN & BUCK

In 1869, the scientist Charles Darwin published a book called ‘The Origin of Species’. This book provided the world with evidence of evolution. Buck and his owners were part of the scientific experiment of evolution in action. It was a journey by which different kinds of living organisms are thought to have developed and diversified from earlier forms during the history of the earth.

A key part of an animal’s evolution is its ability to adapt to new surroundings and situations. Buck went on to change the way America perceived the dog. The call of the Wild and Buck in search of gold was the key to the American Dream.

In your own words, what is the American Dream? What is your American Dream?

THE GOLDEN CATALYST

In 1903, a man named James Marshall discovered gold in California. This started a gold rush in the United States. Thousands of people from all over began migrating to the west coast in search of the precious metal and the wealth that accompanied it. The total 1000 people moved from gold veins, expanded to Alaska and a large part of the region on Canada known as the Klondike. The story of Buck is a story about the Klondike淘金热.

For centuries, sled dogs were the best form of transportation. Akamai’s Buck and his owners ventured through the Alaska wilderness to find gold. Can you label the images below with these vocabulary terms?

THE COLD WEATHER CONVERSIONS

Convert °Celsius to Fahrenheit:

\[ F = \frac{9}{5} C + 32 \]

Convert °Fahrenheit to Celsius:

\[ C = \frac{5}{9} (F - 32) \]

INTERPRET THE TITLE

How can you relate this pack and learn more about the title’s background? What is the ‘Call of the Wild’? What did it inspire to Buck?

KEEP QUESTIONING

Continue thinking about the following questions as you process this incredible story:

- Who was your favorite and least favorite character in ‘Call of the Wild’?
- What was the basic characteristic that made them stand out to you?
- Were the actions of your favorite character moral?
- The story is mainly told from Buck’s point of view. How does the perspective influence your understanding of Buck’s story?
- How might the story change if it were told from the dog trainer’s point of view? Is Buck better off at the end of the novel than he was at the beginning?
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Entertainment for the entire family

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By Theatre Heroes
January 14-15, 2017 • Stateside at the Paramount

The Ugly Duckling
By Lightwire Theatre
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2016-2017 Season

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about our education and family programs

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