

Essay Test: "To Build a Fire"

Names _____



Answer the following questions in organized essays of no fewer than 250 words each.

1. Find all the references to the "old timer" and explain how the man's reaction to what the "old timer" said changes as the story progresses.
2. Find three places where the narrator talks about the dog. Using these three references discuss the importance of the dog to understanding the story.
3. A possible theme for this story is the "unforgiving conditions of nature." Support this idea using specific references to the story.