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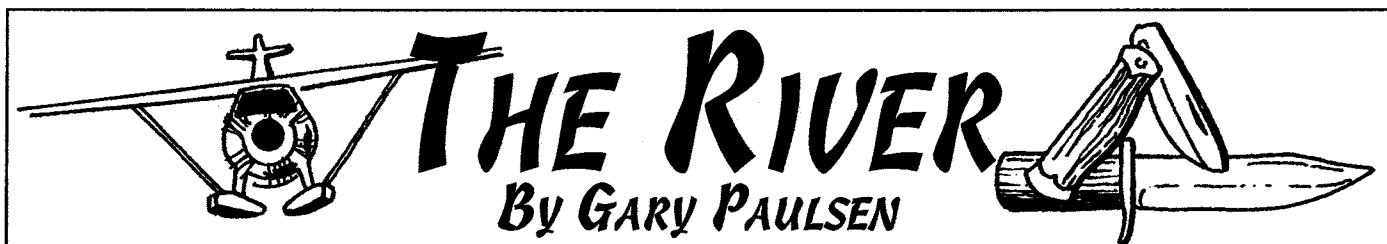
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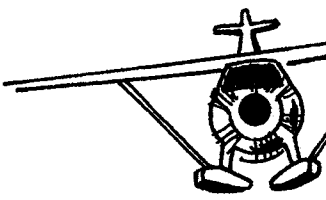
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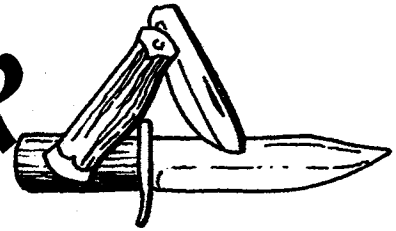
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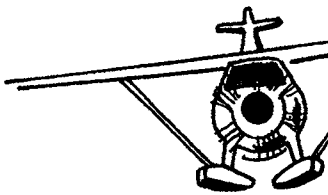
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## Creative Writing Activity One

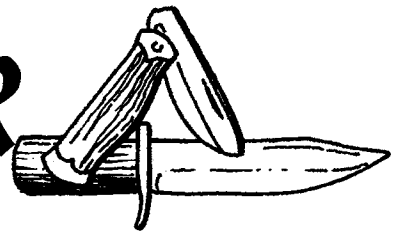
**Imagine** that you are Brian.

**Write** a journal entry describing one of the events that happened in the novel The River.



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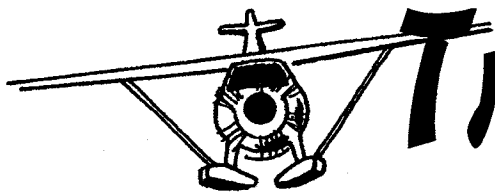
## Creative Writing Activity Two

Brian received a canoe as a gift from Derek.

**Think** of a gift you have received and **write** a story about it.

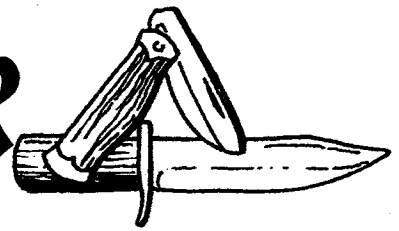
In your story **answer** the following questions:

- What was the best gift you ever received?
- From whom did you receive it and what was the occasion?
- What made it special?
- Did you have any idea you were getting it?
- How did you feel at the time?
- How do you feel about it now?
- What happened to it?



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## Creative Writing Activity Three

Just about everybody wants to have friends.

Sometimes we gain new friends when we least expect it, like Brian did with Derek.

What qualities would you want your best friend to have?

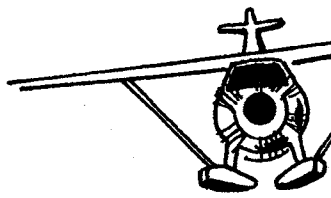
**Write** eight good endings for this opening:

A friend is.....

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_

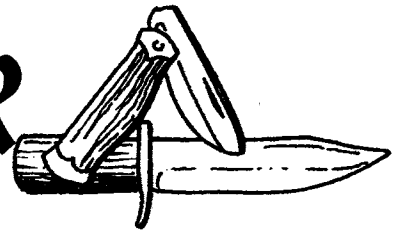
Try for unusual ideas.

**Example:** A friend is someone who thinks you look good even when you have the chicken pox.



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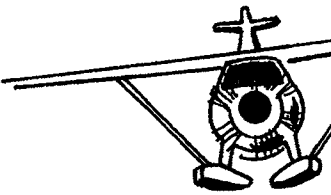
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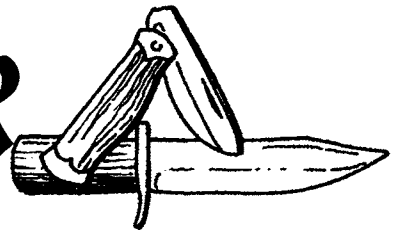
Choose one event from the novel The River.

With a group of you classmates, **write** a script for the event and **perform** it for your class as Reader's Theater.



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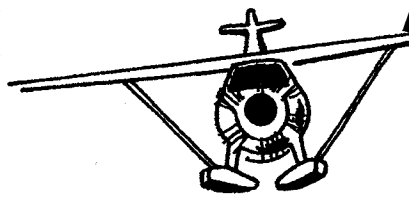


## Creative Writing Activity Five

Back at school if Brian were given the choice of writing about an adventure he had, he may choose from the adventure in Hatchet or The River.

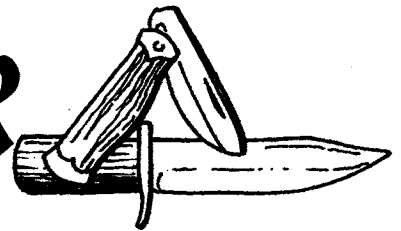
Think of an adventure that you have had and write a story about it.

Include as many details as you can and be descriptive.



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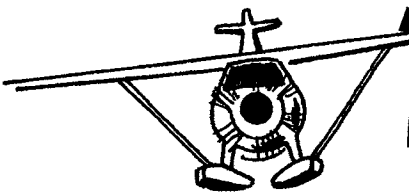
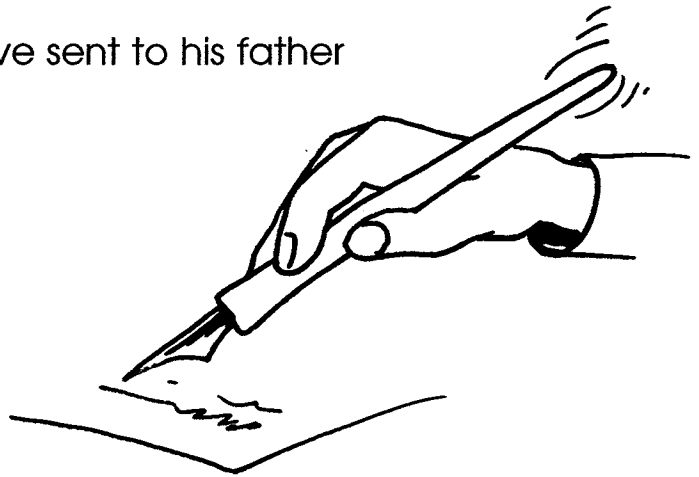
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## Creative Writing Activity Six

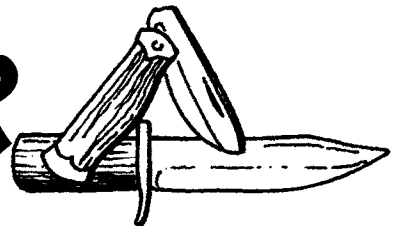
**Write** a telegram Brian might have sent to his father after he was rescued.

Try to tell the events of the story in **ten to twenty words**.



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## Creative Writing Activity Seven

**Write** a letter that Brian might have written to a friend telling of his ordeal.

