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Survival Solutions

Directions: Read both excerpts carefully. Each character faces a **similar problem** but solves it in a different way. Compare and contrast the **effectiveness and outcomes** of each solution. Answer the reflection questions in full sentences, using **text evidence** when possible.

Excerpt A: *Robinson Crusoe* (Daniel Defoe, adapted)

"Alone on the island, Crusoe realized he had no shelter to protect himself from storms. He gathered wood and built a sturdy hut, covering it with branches and earth. Though it took weeks of hard work, the shelter gave him safety and a sense of control over his new life."

Excerpt B: *Hatchet* (Gary Paulsen, adapted)

"Brian, stranded in the wilderness, searched for a place to stay dry. Instead of building a hut from scratch, he found a natural overhang of rock near a lake. He cleared the space of debris and used branches to improve it. The simple shelter allowed him to conserve energy for hunting and survival."

1. How do Crusoe's and Brian's solutions show differences in their approaches to survival?

2. Which solution seems more **practical**? Which seems more **long-term**? Explain.

3. What does each solution reveal about the character's personality or priorities?

4. If you were in their situation, which method would you prefer, and why?
