You are so excited and cannot believe your parents actually went for your plan. Your parents actually let you fly solo to meet them at the Salmon River. You are so elated after all the Salmon River, the River of No Return, is by far one of the best places for white water rafting. This raging river cuts through 2.3 million acres of untouched wilderness area in Idaho known as the Frank Church – River of no Return. There are only a couple of airstrips and a few service roads in the area. Cell phones are better used as paperweights than a communication device in this area. The best technology for anyone wandering around is a paper map and compass.

You are pondering all of the adventure that you are going to have when you land and meet up with your parents. As you sit looking out of the window of the small plane lost in thought, you hear a strange “thump” then feel the plane beginning to quickly descend. You rush to the cockpit only to find the pilot lifeless. In a panic you rush to the pilot’s seat and try to fly the plane. While you have no idea of how to actually fly the plane, you do the best you can. As you move the throttle down the plane pitches upwards then the engines stall. You can do nothing except buckle up and hold on for dear life.

First you hit the top of the trees, then the larger branches before coming to rest in a clearing. Your mind races as the adrenaline rushes. Finally, you settle down and check for injury and find only a few scratches. “Wow”, you think. “This is just like that book you read in school, Hatchet, only it is happening to you.

You gather any supplies that will help you survive this desolate place and set out to seek safety. Once you had all the supplies, you begin to walk away from the destroyed plane. You wonder how you ever made it.

This is what you know

1. You two canteens but only one is filled with water.
2. Your cell phone is useless.
3. You have the first aid kit from the plane with gauze, band aids, rubbing alcohol, medical tape, and an ace bandage.
4. You have a backpack with warm clothing and a blanket.
5. You have several granola bars but no other food.

Now it is up to you to survive!

You have your background story. You need to figure out how to survive in the wilderness.

Research questions:

For each question you are responsible for the following:

• A bibliographic citation (made using easybib)

• A direct quotation from the source

• The same quotation paraphrased

• At least a 50-60 word response using the quotation and your research to answer the question

1. Where is the Frank Church – River of No Return?
2. What is the climate of this area during summer?
3. How can you make a compass?
4. Where can you find water and how can you purify it?
5. What types of food can you find in the wilderness?
6. How can you find your direction (North, South, East, West) using trees and the sun?
7. What type of shelter do you need to survive in the wilderness?
8. What can you do if you are bitten by a snake?
9. What animals live in the wilderness and are they edible?
10. How can you build a fire?