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* 7th Grade: ELA

Summer Reading

Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson

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- As the novel begins, Cole is
 - beating up a classmate.
 - robbing a store.
 - riding a skiff to an island.
 - attending a Circle of Justice meeting.
- What does the word banishment mean in the story?
 - demands
 - exclusion
 - frustration
 - patience
- What two words best describe Cole Matthews at the beginning of the novel?
 - angry, defiant
 - fearful, gutless
 - shamed, humble
 - vicious, relaxed
- Read the following quote from Chapter 2: "Nobody is going to baby-sit you here. If you eat you'll live. If not, you'll die. This land can provide for you or kill you." What does the quote reveal about Edwin's opinion of Cole's position?
 - Edwin thinks Cole is not taking his banishment seriously.
 - Edwin thinks Cole will do well during his stay on the island.
 - Edwin thinks Cole should baby-sit the animals on the island.
 - Edwin thinks Cole is nuts to agree to live on the island for a year.
- Why does Garvey give Cole the at.oow in Chapter 2?
 - As a sign of trust.
 - Cole's mother sent it to him.
 - It's the warmest blanket for the cold nights ahead.
 - It's to remind Cole that he's not alone.
- Why does Cole burn his shelter at the end of Chapter 2?
 - He needed to start a fire in order to stay warm.
 - The shelter is part of a game that Cole does not want to play.
 - The fire started accidentally, and Cole didn't want to burn the shelter.
 - None of the above
- Which of the following is NOT one of the "ingredients" of Cole's life, as described in Chapter 3?
 - All Cole's parents do is drink.
 - Cole's dad turns into a monster and abuses him.
 - Cole thinks his parents hate him.
 - Cole's mom is annoying by being too involved in his life.
- How does Cole react to the white bear at the end of Chapter 7?
 - Cole breathes in deeply and stands motionless.
 - Cole returns to the cabin before the bear senses his fear.
 - Cole tries to communicate with the bear to join him for a meal of fish.
 - Cole's anger is ignited and he becomes determined to challenge the bear.
- What is Cole's intention when he makes a spear for a weapon?
 - Cole wants to kill the Spirit Bear.
 - Cole will use the spear to hunt for food.
 - Cole makes the spear as protection from predators.
 - Cole wants to use the spear to frighten Spirit Bear.
- Which of the following is NOT some of the damage that Cole endures from the bear attack?
 - Broken ribs
 - Cracked pelvis
 - Concussion
 - Broken arm
- In Chapter 2, Edwin advises Cole about how to live in harmony with the other creatures on the island. How are Edwin's words proven to be true?
 - Cole ignores Edwin's advice and is severely wounded because of his stubbornness.
 - Cole is able to eat worms, fish and rodents to help him survive.
 - Cole defies Edwin and has inflicted pain upon the bear.
 - Cole realizes how animals survive in the wild.
- What advantage do the baby birds have over Cole?
 - The baby birds can leave the island while Cole is sentenced there for a year.
 - The baby birds are never scolded while Cole is reprimanded by everyone.
 - The baby birds have a warm, dry shelter to keep them safe from the harshest storms while Cole is living in the open.
 - The baby birds have a mother who watches over her young while Cole has been left alone with no guidance from his mother.
- What happens to the tree with the sparrow's nest during the electrical storm?
 - It is knocked down by a strong gust of wind.
 - Cole takes the nest out of the tree to protect the birds.
 - It is knocked over by a lightning strike.
 - It is flooded with water from the rain.
- What emotion does Cole feel toward the baby sparrows when they tried to return to their nest?
 - Hatred
 - Sadness
 - Anger
 - Envy

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15. "Your father carried too much baggage from his past — baggage he never dealt with." What does the above quote reveal about Cole's mom's opinion of her husband?
- Cole's father resents Cole's mother and never explains his feelings.
 - Cole's father has difficulty carrying heavy luggage because of an injury in his childhood.
 - Cole's father has difficulty dealing with his son because of what happened in his own childhood.
 - Cole's father was given too many material things when he was younger and never appreciated them.
16. What action best demonstrates a change in Mrs. Matthews' attitude toward Cole's situation?
- She stands by Cole's bed and wrings her hands on her visits to the hospital.
 - She warns Cole that he is lucky to be alive and he might become crippled.
 - She warns Cole not to burn his bridges and pay his debt to society.
 - She breaks her silence and presses charges against her ex-husband.
17. When Cole returns to the circle, there are two people missing. Who are they?
- Edwin and Garvey
 - Cole's lawyer and Peter's lawyer
 - Cole's father and Peter
 - Cole's mother and father
18. What do most members of the Circle believe should happen to Cole when he is released from the hospital?
- Most members believe that the attack was enough punishment and he should be set free.
 - Most members believe since Cole is injured, he will be better off in the custody of his mother.
 - The members believe Cole will succeed if they give him another chance on the island.
 - The members believe it was appropriate to send Cole back into the traditional judicial system.
19. How does Edwin demonstrate the change in Cole's life?
- Cole did not come out swinging when Edwin pushed him over.
 - Edwin used a circle to demonstrate the path Cole is on.
 - Edwin asks Cole to give a speech about how he has changed.
 - Cole demonstrated he hasn't changed by hitting Edwin after he pushed him over.
20. The Keeper says that they have no way of knowing if Cole is over his anger. What is his response?
- Cole gets angry and throws a chair at the Keeper.
 - Cole agrees, and says that he is a weak person and they should not trust him.
 - Cole stays silent and hopes that everyone will ignore him.
 - Cole agrees that he is not over the anger, but is stronger because he can ask for help and tell the truth.

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21. What is Cole's idea to cure Peter's depression?
- Peter should see a therapist to discuss his feelings of depression.
 - Peter should be allowed to beat up Cole so he can recover from his pain.
 - Peter should just forget about the situation and move on with his life.
 - Peter should stay on the island to learn what Cole learned during his time there.
22. About two weeks after Cole's suggestion, some people arrive on the island. Who is NOT one of the people that arrives?
- Peter
 - Peter's lawyer
 - Peter's mother
 - Peter's father
23. How long is Peter on the island before he invites Cole to sleep in the cabin in Chapter Twenty-six?
- Almost a year
 - About three months
 - About a week
 - About a month
24. Peter shows some signs of embracing Cole's island practices. Which of the following does he NOT do?
- Touch the Spirit Bear
 - Soak in the pond
 - Roll the ancestor rock down the hill
 - Carve a totem pole
25. What does Cole say about the quality of carvings on the two boys' totem poles?
- Cole says his carvings are better and that Peter isn't good at anything.
 - The quality doesn't matter; that's like saying my feelings are more important.
 - Cole says Peter's carvings are better and that he is jealous of him for that.
 - Both carvings are so good that they should be in a museum.