

The background is a stylized illustration of a forest. It features several evergreen trees in various shades of green, some with dark outlines. In the foreground, there's a light blue and white wavy area representing a river or stream, with a prominent brown rock formation in the center. The sky is a mix of warm colors like orange, yellow, and light green. The entire scene is framed by a dark green border.

Short Answer Questions

with Answer Keys

for

Touching Spirit Bear

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Short Answer Questions

Chapter 1

1. Why was Cole Matthews handcuffed and riding in a skiff?
2. What did Edwin, the Tlingit elder, order Cole to do when the two met at the dock in Drake?
3. What was Cole's attitude about his banishment to the island?
4. How old was Cole?
5. What had been Cole's relationship with Peter Driscal before he gave the ninth grader a vicious beating for ratting on him?
6. In the past, how had Cole been able to go free and get out of the trouble he had been in?
7. What frightening possibility did Cole face after his attack on Peter Driscal?
8. Where did Cole learn about Circle Justice?
9. How was Circle Justice different from regular justice?
10. Why did Cole go for the idea of Circle Justice?

Note: Each set of Short Answer Questions has 10 items.

Answer Keys

Short Answer Questions

Chapter 1

1. Cole was being banished to spend a year alone on an island in Southeast Alaska. He had agreed to be handcuffed until he was freed on the island.
2. Edwin ordered Cole to take off his clothes and wear them inside out to show humility and shame. Cole smirked as he obeyed Edwin's command.
3. Everyone thought he felt sorry for what he had done, and going to the island was his way of making things right. But Cole thought of his banishment as just another big game.
4. Cole was fifteen. He had been in trouble with the law for more than half his life.
5. Cole had picked on him many times before just for the fun of it.
6. His parents came with a lawyer, offering to pay damages. All he had to do was pretend he was sorry.
7. Because of his past record and the violence of the attack, Cole was to be kept locked up while prosecutors worked to get him tried as an adult. If he was convicted, he would be sent to prison.
8. Cole heard about Circle Justice from Garvey, the youth probation officer.
9. The purpose of Circle Justice was to heal, not to punish.
10. Cole saw Circle Justice as a way to keep from going to jail.