

Chapter Questions **Hatchet**

Chapter 1

1. Describe the setting at the beginning of the story.
2. How old is Brian Robeson?
3. Why is Brian unable to carry on a conversation with the pilot?
4. With what single word did his thinking always begin?
5. What was "The Secret"?
6. Why is the pilot rubbing his shoulder?
7. What has Brian's father designed or invented?
8. Where is his father presently working?
9. What would have happened if Brian had gone through regular airport security in today's world?
10. Explain how chapter one ends.

Vocabulary: consuming, copilot, drone, shattering, rudder, banked, lurched, lashed, wincing, hokey, spasm, jolts, thrumming

Chapter 2

1. How did Brian initially react to the situation?
2. What motivated Brian to finally attempt to fly the plane?
3. Explain how Brian called for help and describe what happened.
4. What would eventually happen to the plane?
5. Why did Brian think that the best place to set down the plane was the edge of the lake?
6. Describe what happened immediately after the plane's engine coughed and died.

Vocabulary: turbulence, procedures, C.P.R., ultimately, swooped, altimeter, headset, wrenching, static, transmission, frustration, throttle, hurtling, rebelled, clearing, intervals, visualize

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Chapter 3

1. What suddenly disappeared as Brian put the plane into a fast glide?
2. What did he think he saw near the edge of the pond?
3. What stroke of good luck did he have just as he approached the lake for his landing?
4. Describe the actual scene at the moment of the crash including his escape from the plane.
5. Chapter one ended with one word, "alone" while chapter three also ended with one word, "nothing". Explain why this is effective.

Vocabulary: dramatically, wallow, coarse, spiraling

Chapter 4

1. Explain "The Secret".
2. What happened to the plane?
3. What caused Brian considerable discomfort just as the sun began to rise?
4. Describe how you might feel if you were in a similar situation to Brian.

Vocabulary: hoarse, throb, pulsed, mound, grunting, scrunched, clammy, haze, hordes, spat, swarm, collapse, moderately, hummocks, ridge

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Chapter 5

1. What overpowering craving did Brian have when he initially awoke?
2. What had happened to his face while he slept?
3. What happened to Brian's determination to take only a small drink from the lake?
4. Why was Brian so sure initially that the search planes would find him within a day or two?
5. Make a list of all the things that Brian has in his possession including his clothes.
6. Make a second list placing every item in order of importance to his survival.
7. According to Brian's former English teacher, what was a person's most important asset? Do you agree? Explain.
8. Why did Brian feel the hair on the back of his neck go up at the end of the chapter?
9. Why does Brian finger the hatchet towards the end of the chapter?

Vocabulary: foul, wither, murky, teetered, trickle, reduce, extensive, amphibious, motivated, stranded, asset, slewed, sloshing