

Chapter Questions **Hatchet**

Chapter 11

1. Where did Brian store the remaining eggs?
2. Why was cleaning the camp a laughing matter?
3. What was Brian's suggestion for avoiding depression?
4. Explain how Brian's body and mind had changed.
5. How did the sight of the kingfisher awaken him to a new source of food?
6. How did Brian hope to obtain this new source of food?

Vocabulary: staggering, bluff, gnarled, crayfish

Chapter 12

1. How does he modify his spear in an attempt to make it work more efficiently?
2. What did he discover after spending hours modifying his spear?
3. What sudden explosion terrified Brian?
4. What is the source of the persistent whining noise?
5. Why is Brian so distraught at the end of this chapter?

Vocabulary: flailing, primitive, propping, tapered, two-prong, crude, lunging, thrusting, telegraphed, speckled, persistent, swiveling, waggle

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Chapter 13

1. What does the first sentence of this chapter indicate?
2. Why was Brian looking for one of the foolish birds?
3. What other animals did Brian encounter on his search for the flock of foolish birds?
4. What incident marked the passing of the "old" Brian and the birth of a "new" one?
5. Describe his first attempt at making a bow and arrow.
6. Explain in scientific terms why he was unsuccessful when he first used his bow and arrow to fish.
7. What new hope sprung from his misfortune?

Vocabulary: tension, measured, gutted, funk, punky, extent, hummock, refracts, exulted

Chapter 14

1. Explain the difference between a mistake in the city and a mistake made in the wilderness.
2. Why did Brian attempt to chase the skunk away from his campsite?
3. Explain how Brian's encounter with the skunk had almost fatal results.
4. How long did it take for Brian to improve his shelter so that he would be safer from the elements and the creatures of the wild?
5. What "constant" problem did Brian face in the wilderness?
6. Describe Brian's new location for storing his food securely.
7. How was he able to reach this new location?
8. How was Brian able to obtain a ready supply of fresh fish for his diet?

Vocabulary: rectify, vital, creatures, influence, fragment, confines, devastating, sulfurous, corrosive, seared, impaired, carp, wove, mesh, propped, manure, bearings, enclosure

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Chapter 15

1. What special day was burned into Brian's memory?
2. What secret key finally enabled Brian to detect the birds before they exploded into flight?
3. Explain how he finally got the bird?
4. What problem did he face once he had killed the bird?
5. How does the author make us aware of Brian's appreciation for the new food?

Vocabulary: journal, saliva, chattered, bounded, insane, sarcasm, streamlined, stabilize, fluttered, fragile, dung, banded