Chapter Questions Hatchet

Chapter 16

1. Why was Brian able to reassure himself despite the fact he was always hungry?
2. Describe the method Brian had perfected when hunting birds.
3. What was the telltale sign that a bird was about to fly away?
4. What incident indicates that Brian had become a highly skilled hunter of birds?
5. Describe the moose attack on Brian.
6. What is the telltale sign that a moose is angry?
7. What woke Brian up that night while he slept in his shelter?
8. What is sticking six to eight inches out of the water after the tornado passes?

Vocabulary: tattered, pitch, shaft, retrieved, wrenched, column, spout

Chapter 17

1. Why did Brian have to work slowly?
2. Why was being seriously injured synonymous with being killed?
3. Why did Brian’s eyes suddenly snap open at the thought of the plane’s tail sticking out of the water?
4. Why did he decide to build a raft?
5. How long did it take him to push the raft out to the plane?
6. What caused Brian to shudder when he thought of the front of the plane?

Vocabulary: refine, fish pen, ruefully, cluttered, stymied, wisps, rivets, fuselage, hatch, murky
Chapter 18

1. What does Brian discover when he slams his fist against the plane in frustration?
2. What does Brian compare the aluminum covering to as he cuts through it with the hatchet?
3. What causes Brian to rage at his own carelessness?
4. Describe Brian's second attempt at retrieving the hatchet.
5. How does Brian react to the gruesome scene he encounters in the plane?
6. How do we know that Brian was exhausted when he finally got back to shore?

Vocabulary: stabilizer, elevator, frenzied, swiveled, stale, propel, substantial, surging

Chapter 19

1. Make a list of some of the unbelievable riches that he found.
2. How did he relight the fire this time and explain what this signifies?
3. Explain why he had up and down feelings about the survival pack.
4. What happened that lead to Brian's rescue?
5. Explain why Brian's question at the end of this chapter was rather unusual?

Vocabulary: butane, rummaging, encased, drone