

Chapter Questions **Hatchet**

Chapter 6

1. Describe Brian's new shelter.
2. Why does Brian decide to eat before constructing the lean-to?
3. Explain why the author writes the word secret with a capital or uppercase letter.
4. Why does Brian stay close to the lake while searching for food?
5. Using Brian's description, find out what type of bird was eating the berries.
6. Why did Brian almost spit out the berries?

Vocabulary: lean-to, braces, diminish, pulverized, lushly, pace, interlaced, twinge, initial

Chapter 7

1. Why did Brian wake up in the middle of the night?
2. Why did Brian crawl out of his shelter?
3. What memory did he have upon returning to the shelter?
4. Why did Brian slap the water with his hand?
5. How do we know that Brian is developing an affinity for his shelter?
6. What type of food is he delighted to find?
7. What does Brian *stumble upon* in the bush?
8. Why does Brian come to a stop after initially fleeing the area?
9. What does he discover when he looks back?
10. Why did Brian place the hatchet by his head when he went to sleep that evening?

Vocabulary: abdomen, jolts, doubled, vomit, diarrhea, peck, vicious, whine, welted, matted, slits, self-pity, receded, maroon, pits, tart, numb, crude, weathertight, gorge, wuffling, trotted, patch, pouch, drenched, rivulets, seeping, tangy

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Chapter 8

1. What woke Brian in the middle of the night?
2. Explain the cause of the musty smell in his shelter that night.
3. What important rule of survival did Brian learn?
4. Explain how Brian fought off the intruder.
5. What did Brian experience when he removed the quills from his leg?
6. Why did Brian feel it was important to make a staff or lance for himself?
7. How does Brian interpret his dream?
8. What important discovery does Brian make when he examines the rock at the end of this chapter?

Vocabulary: musty, slithering, skittered, bulk, rasping, gingerly, quill, smear, doze, initial, segment, gestures, scootched, wince, staff, lance, granite, imbedded

Chapter 9

1. Why was Brian so willing to use money to help start his fire?
2. What kind of home did Brian construct?
3. How long did it take Brian to build the home?
4. What key element was still missing that prevented the fire from igniting?
5. Describe how Brian felt when the "nest" finally burst into flames.
6. Explain why Brian described his new "friend" as hungry.
7. Why did the fire trigger Brian's memory of his encounter with the porcupine?

Vocabulary: ignite, tinder, kindling, sputtered, haunches, exasperation, clump, shredded, tendrils, flammable, wad, smoldered, Cro-Magnon, oxygen, mass, consuming, gratified, brace, flue

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Chapter 10

1. Why did Brian refuse to leave the fire at first?
2. How did he resolve the problem?
3. How large was his initial stockpile of wood?
4. What unexpected benefits did Brian derive from the fire?
5. Describe What Brian found under a pile of sand.
6. What did Brian do with his new find?
7. Why was he unable to cook his food?
8. Provide evidence that despite his perilous situation Brian remains optimistic.

Vocabulary: smeared, banked, eddied, dusk, coals, sloshing, dormant, craved, intensity, pyramid, raw, convulse