

# Touching Spirit Bear Multiple Choice 1-2

Chapters 1-2

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1. Your Name: Last, First \*

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2. Why is Cole Matthews banished to live alone on an island in Southeast Alaska for one year? \* 1 point

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- A. Cole robbed a store and nearly beat Peter Driscall to death. Banishment is the only alternative to jail.
- B. Cole is banished to the island for his own protection. Peter Driscall has vowed to get revenge.
- C. Because Cole is a Tlingit Indian, court officials are allowing the Native American method of justice.
- D. Cole abuses drugs and alcohol. Banishment is an effective way to help him stop.

3. Why doesn't Cole trust Garvey, his parole officer? \* 1 point

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- A. Cole thinks Garvey is odd and can't relate to teenagers, so Cole is wary of him.
- B. Garvey does not fear Cole, and Cole doesn't trust people who aren't afraid of him.
- C. Cole is prejudiced against Native Americans. Garvey is a Tlingit Indian, so Cole doesn't trust him.
- D. Cole doesn't trust anyone in the criminal justice system.

4. Why does Edwin, the Tlingit elder, require Cole to wear his clothes inside out? 1 point  
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- A. It is symbolic of the fact that Cole needs to correct his internal (emotional) problems.
- B. Cole has to learn to do what people in authority tell him to do without questioning them.
- C. It is Edwin's way of getting back at Cole for spitting at him.
- D. The purpose is to show humility and shame, and force Cole to realize that he is no longer in control of his life.

5. What is Cole's philosophy about fear? \* 1 point

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- A. Cole believes that no one is fearless; everyone is afraid of something.
- B. Cole believes that fear is necessary for success in life.
- C. Cole believes that fear is the only sincerely felt human emotion.
- D. Cole believes that no one should be afraid of anything.

6. What does Cole learn from "being referred" repeatedly, while being told each time that it is his "last chance"? \* 1 point

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- A. Cole learns that one must keep trying. No matter how many times he fails, he has to resolve his own problems.
- B. Cole learns that it is the adult term for passing the buck and that he can always count on having one more "last chance."
- C. Cole learns that there are many agencies available to help him, but they need more well-trained staff to be effective.
- D. Cole learns that there is no solution for his problems, and no one takes the responsibility of telling him so.

7. Why do you think counseling has no effect on Cole? \* 1 point

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- A. The counselors don't really listen to what Cole is saying when he answers their questions; they hear what they want to hear.
- B. Cole's parents are never present at the counseling sessions, so his real issues are never addressed.
- C. Cole is required to use public service counselors who do not care about the people they are assigned to help.
- D. Cole feels people have their own motives for helping him; threats are never followed up with action.

8. How does Cole describe his parents near the beginning of the story? \* 1 point

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- A. Cole describes his mom as "a wimpy alcoholic" who occasionally beats him. His dad is "equally as wimpy" and beats him worse than his mom does.
- B. Cole describes his mom as "just like a Barbie doll, beautiful with a seemingly perfect life." He says his dad "is [his] mom's Ken. He is not very bright but a good man at heart."
- C. Cole describes his mom as "a scared Barbie doll, always looking good but never fighting back or standing up to anyone." He calls his dad "a bullheaded drinker with a temper."
- D. Cole describes his mom as "a strong, smart, and beautiful woman" and says it is a shame that she married such "a temperamental man who abuses her."

9. Cole has a habit of blaming others for his mistakes. Which of the following is an example of this behavior from the text? \* 1 point

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- A. Cole believes that his mother's abusiveness toward him makes him want to lash out at others.
- B. Cole says Garvey is responsible for "getting [him] stuck on this lousy island."
- C. Cole tells Edwin "everything is determined by fate anyway, so no one really makes his own choices in life."
- D. Cole believes that if Peter had learned to fight back, he wouldn't have been hurt so badly.

16. What is a Spirit Bear? \*

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- A. A Spirit Bear is a polar bear that has wandered far from its natural territory. It is led by "spirits" to places where it is needed.
- B. A Spirit Bear is a special black bear that lives off the coast of British Columbia. It is pure white and represents pride, dignity, and honor.
- C. A Spirit Bear is a Native American metaphor for one's own soul. If one meditates long enough, the true self will appear.
- D. A Spirit Bear is a white bear that does not really exist; people see it during times of crisis when they need guidance.

17. What does Edwin mean when he says, "You live or die by your actions"? \*

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- A. No one will interfere with Cole's decisions; if he makes a bad decision, no one will stop him.
- B. If Cole gets himself into a life-threatening situation, he can't depend on anyone else to save him.
- C. Whatever happens to Cole will be a result of his own actions; he will no longer be able to blame others.
- D. It is a warning to ration his food supplies; if he doesn't, he might starve to death before Edwin returns.

18. Garvey gives Cole at.oow. What is an at.oow, and what conditions come with it? \* 1 point

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- A. The at.oow is a bear cub. Cole has to promise to take care of it and then return it to nature when it matures.
- B. The at.oow is a spiritual gift. It is meant to help those in spiritual need find inner peace.
- C. The at.oow is a special hunting knife. Cole has to promise to never use it against the Spirit Bear.
- D. The at.oow is a blanket Garvey inherited from his ancestors. Cole must someday pass it on to someone he trusts.

19. Cole is very good at manipulation. Which of the following is an example from Chapter 2 that shows how Cole manipulates people? \* 1 point

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- A. While in jail, Cole pretends to be the model student, but he actually pays another inmate to do his schoolwork for him.
- B. Cole tries to divide Garvey and Edwin by telling each of them lies concerning what one says about the other.
- C. Cole lies to the committee members when he says, "Hurting Peter made me think a lot...if I could change places with him, I would."
- D. Cole assures Garvey that he will certainly make the best of the situation and do all he can to make everyone proud of him.

20. Why does Cole burn down the shelter Edwin had made for him? \*

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- A. Cole becomes enraged, and, because he is unable to control his temper, he foolishly destroys the shelter.
- B. Cole is so confident in his ability to live off of the land with no shelter and no supplies that he burns the cabin down.
- C. Cole burns down the shelter to get back at Edwin for making him wear his clothes inside out.
- D. Cole doesn't mean to burn it down, but in a frenzy of rage, he knocks over the lantern, and a spark starts a fire.

21. Which of the following does NOT describe Cole's personality? \*

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- A. insincere
- B. hostile
- C. fearful
- D. insensitive

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