Touching Spirit Bear

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Part 1 Day 1 – Chapters 1-2

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1. cole matthews nelt defiantly in the bow of the aluminum skiff as he facing forward into a cold september wind
2. several weeks earliest edwin the tlingit elder from drake had builded a sparse one room wood shelter for cole on the iland

Vocabulary

feigned A. out of the way

remote B. sworn evidence

depositions C. pretended

prosecutor D. lawyer bringing charges against someone

1. Even Nathaniel Blackwood quit stopping by except when hearings and required his presence. (p. 9)
2. The might have you watch a veterinarian operate for a day to realize the value of life. (p. 11)
3. Cole surprise as if he had made a horrible mistake, then twisted at the handcuffs again. (p. 5)
4. They were craze if they thought he was going to spend a whole year of his life like some animal, trapped on a Alaskan island. (p. 6)

Chapter 1

1. Where is Cole being sent?
2. Why is he being sent there?
3. How does Cole view adults and authority?

Chapter 2

1. What is the significance in the fact that Spirit Bear is a pure white black bear?
2. Do you think Garvey agreed to be Cole’s sponsor for the Circle because Cole genuinely had changed? Why or why not?
3. What does Cole do to his shelter at the end of the chapter? Why do you think he did this?