Touching Spirit Bear

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Part 1 Day 4 – Chapters 7-8

DOL

1. unable to find much dri wood on the ground, cole broke lower branchs

directly off the trees and feeded the fire.

2. when coles advance brought him with in ten feet of the spirit bear he

made his move he flung the spear with all his strength fully intending

to kill

Vocabulary

turbulent A. admitting defeat

conceding B. savagely attacked

mauled C. filled with disorder and confusion

convulsed D. sudden uncontrolled movements

1. The bear waited calmly as if part of the landscape, like a tree or a

boulder, not one inch of space. (p. 64)

2. For two hours his mind roiled with thoughts

before he fell into a restless, tortured sleep. (p. 60)

1. He dared not throw up, but he felt the urge coming like a freight train

and he couldn’t get off the tracks. Suddenly he and vomited. (p. 72)

4. He was trapped on a godforsaken island, alone, and

Within an inch of his life by a white monster bear. (p. 69)

Chapter 7

1. Cole plans on escaping the island, yet still attempts to kill Spirit Bear. What does this say about Cole and his respect for life?
2. As Cole inches towards Spirit Bear, he stops, looks around and becomes aware that nobody is watching and he could easily back away. What compels him to keep approaching Spirit Bear?

Chapter 8

1. What does Cole’s crushing of the caterpillar indicate about his personality, even in his beaten state?
2. Look back to Peter’s comments at the Circle on page 50. What parallels are there between what Peter wanted for Cole and what has happened to him?
3. Do you feel bad for what has happened to Cole? Why or why not?