Webquest

Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelsen  
                                                    
**Task One: Alaska**  
With this task, you will research the wonderful and mysterious state of Alaska.  Cole Matthews is sent to live alone on a remote Alaskan island.  Researching Alaska will help you get a better idea of life there.  Please read the questions carefully, and then search the website provided to find the answers.   
   
Answer the following questions in complete sentences.  
   
1. When did Alaska become a state?   
2. How many lakes are in Alaska?   
3. What does “Alaska” mean in Aleut?   
4. What is the state sport?   
 

**Task Two: Circle Justice**

After a community has suffered a harsh crime due to bad circumstances, there are two ways to deal with the offender: punitive justice and restorative justice.  
The point of punitive justice - spending time in jail - is for the offender to get punished.  
The point of restorative justice - like Circle Justice - is about taking responsibility for your actions, learning from your mistakes, and making amends.  
  
Watch one or more of [the videos](http://rjoyoakland.org/videos/) on the website Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth and answer the questions.  
  
1. What is one good thing about punitive justice?   
2. What is one good thing about restorative justice?   
3. Which do you think would be better for our school community, punitive or restorative justice? Why?

**Task Three: Spirit Animals**

Animals are omnipresent in our lives whether they are pets or live in the wild. We often lack a clear understanding of their symbolic nature and what they could mean.   
Spirit animals can symbolize:  
- parts of our personality  
- skills that we have  
- our emotions  
- guidance  
  
[Take the quiz](http://www.spiritanimal.info/spirit-animal-quiz/) and find your spirit animal. Read the information about you animal and answer the following questions.  
  
1. What is your spirit animal?   
2. Describe two parts of your spirit animal that you identify with and why.

Final Task: Prediction

With these three topics, write a prediction for this book.  What do you think this story will be about?  Write a topic sentence, three details, and a conclusion.