

Literature Circle Discussion Questions

Brian's Winter

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Chapter 1

1. Brian referred to the survival kit from the airplane as *"It was as if somebody he didn't like had been visiting and had been visiting and finally gone."* What did he mean by this? Why would he feel this way?
2. Do you agree with Brian about crazy people? Do you think Brian is really going crazy? Why or why not?

Chapter 2

1. How could Brian prevent another bear invading his home?
2. Predict a list of hardships Brian may encounter during the winter. Save the list and mark them if they do occur.

Chapter 3

1. Brian discusses his *"medicine arrow."* What does he mean by this? Why didn't he continue to use this arrow?
2. Do you believe in superstitions? What are some common superstitions?

Chapter 4

1. *"A good hunt was everything."* What does Brian mean by this? Why did he say this to the wolves?
2. How are Brian's challenges different than if he never had the plane crash? Which seem more physical? Emotional?

Chapter 5

1. Brian was uncomfortable with the dead deer's eye. Why do you think he was? How did Brian cope with this feeling? How is this like the Native American's way?
2. Why do you think the wolves did not attack Brian? Why didn't the skunk spray?
3. How is the skunk like a terrorist?