Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelsen
Reading Quizzes from TeachNovels

Touching Spirit Bear
This is an excellent novel for developing or resistant readers in middle and upper grades. The book follows 15-year-old Cole Matthews on an extraordinary journey to cope with trauma, anger, and regret. The book is engaging for adolescent readers despite the low reading level.

- Lexile level: 730L (grade 5)
- Accelerated Reader interest level: upper grades
- Accelerated Reader book level: 5.3
- DRA: 60
- Guided reading: Y (grade 6)

TeachNovels reading quizzes
TeachNovels reading quizzes do not assess Language Arts standards. The quizzes are simple, comprehension-level questions that motivate students to complete assigned readings. Reading quizzes are helpful in supporting literature circles, independent reading, and whole-class study. When students have read, engagement in the lesson follows.

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- 5 ten-question quizzes based on a recommended reading schedule.
- An expansive list of questions (4-5 per chapter) to meet your specific needs. (See page 12.)

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**Touching Spirit Bear** Reading Quiz 1

Chapters 1-5

1) Cole assaulted Peter Driscal because...
   a) Peter insulted him.
   b) Peter told on him.
   c) Peter beat him in a contest.
   d) Peter was close by when Cole lost his temper.
   e) He felt threatened.

2) Cole hates that Garvey keeps calling him...
   a) Inmate.
   b) Champ.
   c) Son.
   d) Mr. Matthews.
   e) Butterball.

3) At the end of chapter 2, Cole flies into a rage and...
   a) Attacks one of the guards.
   b) Burns down a building.
   c) Kills a dog.
   d) Crashes a car.

4) Which character has a problem with substance abuse (drugs or alcohol)?
   a) Cole
   b) Mr. Crittenden
   c) Cole’s Father
   d) Garvey
   e) Peter Driscal

5) Cole’s parole officer tries to teach Cole a lesson using...
   a) Bicycle parts.
   b) Musical instruments.
   c) Hats and costumes.
   d) Cake ingredients.

6) Who is the only person from Cole’s school to attend Circle Justice?
   a) Ms. Avalos (school nurse)
   b) Mr. Parquette (principal)
   c) Peter Driscal (student)
   d) Mrs. Hernandez (Cole’s coach)
   e) Trick question! No one from the school attends.
7) At Circle Justice you are only allowed to speak…
   a) When you are holding the feather.
   b) When you are holding the turtle shell.
   c) When your number is called.
   d) Three times (when it is your turn).

8) What is an at.óow?
   a) A special type of shelter.
   b) A special type of meal.
   c) A special type of blanket.
   d) A special dance.

9) What is Cole’s first impulse when he sees the Spirit Bear?
   a) He wants to kill it.
   b) He wants to follow it.
   c) He wants to run and hide from it.
   d) Trick question! He has not yet seen Spirit Bear.

10) Cole does not speak to his father at Circle Justice because…
    a) He is afraid of him.
    b) His father does not show up.
    c) He decides he is not worth the effort.
    d) Trick question! He does speak to his father.
Chapter 1

1) Circle justice is based on practices from ____________ culture.
   a) Scandinavian
   b) Jewish
   c) Russian
   d) Native American
   e) African

2) Cole’s banishment will take him from ______________ to ______________.
   a) New York City to Maine
   b) Minneapolis to Alaska
   c) Los Angeles to the Arizona desert
   d) Honolulu to Oregon
   e) Chicago to Siberia (Russia)

3) What is one unusual requirement of Cole’s banishment?
   a) He must carry a bag of rocks on his back.
   b) He must stay silent except when he is singing.
   c) He can only eat when it is raining.
   d) He must wear his clothes inside out.

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5) What usually happens when Cole gets in trouble?
   a) He accepts responsibility.
   b) He uses his charm and personality to get out of it.
   c) He waits for his parents to bail him out.
   d) Trick question! He has never been in trouble before.
Chapter 2

1) What is the only item that Cole is allowed during his banishment?
   a) A knife
   b) A hatchet
   c) An emergency phone
   d) A water purifier
   e) Trick question! He has tons of supplies.

2) Cole hates that Garvey keeps calling him...
   a) Inmate.
   b) Champ.
   c) Son.
   d) Mr. Matthews.
   e) Butterball.

3) Cole believes that Circle Justice is...
   a) A way for him to make things right.
   b) A way to increase his suffering.
   c) A way for him to get off easy.
   d) A way for his parents to save money.

4) Which choice describes Cole’s behavior when Edwin and Garvey prepare to leave?
   a) Polite and respectful
   b) Innocent and confused
   c) Angry and disrespectful
   d) Sensitive and sad
   e) Impassive (unfeeling)

5) At the end of chapter 2, Cole flies into a rage and...
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