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| How old is Brian Robeson?*Brian Robeson is 13 years old.* | Where is Brian going on the plane when it crashes? *He is going to visit his father in Canada.* | Why is Brian not speaking to his mom? *He’s angry at her for causing the divorce/he knows a secret about her.* |
| What did Brian’s mom give him on the drive up to meet the airplane? *She gives Brian a hatchet.* | What did the judge decide would be Brian’s living arrangement with his divorced parents? *He would live with his father in the summer and his mother during the school year.* | What does Brian’s father do for a living?*Brian’s father is a mechanical engineer.* |
| What accessory comes with the hatchet Brian’s mother gives him?*The hatchet comes with a leather case.* | Where does Brian’s dad work?*Brian’s father works in the oil fields of Canada.* | Why did Brian’s mom call him, “my little scout”? *She calls him that because of the way Brian looked with his hatchet on his belt.* |
| Where was the airport that Brian’s plane departed from?*Brian’s plane flew out of an airport in Hampton, New York.* | What happened to Brian’s pilot?*Brian’s pilot had a heart attack.* | How did Brian know the pilot was having a heart attack?*He saw an elderly man have a heart attack in the mall and the pilot was acting the same way.* |
| What did the airplane do that made Brian realize he had to try to land the plane?*The plane coughed and died/it had run out of fuel.* | Why did Brian think the pilot was dead? *He couldn’t feel a heartbeat and he was not breathing.* | What response did Brian get when he tried to communicate over the radio? *Someone responded, but the transmission was lost and he never got anyone else.* |
| What were Brian’s 2 choices as he tried to fly the plane? *Take the plane down immediately or wait until it ran out of gas.* | Where did Brian decide would be the safest place to try to land? *Brian decided the safest place to land would be on the water.* | Where was Brian able to land the plane? *Brian was able to land the plane on the long part of an L-shaped lake.* |
| What was the name of the friend Brian was riding bikes with when he saw his mom at the mall?*Brian was with his friend Terry when he saw his mom at the mall.* | What did Brian have to do to make it out of the crashed airplane alive? *He had to tear off his seatbelt, swim through the broken windshield, swim to the surface of the water and then make it to the shore.* | What was the secret Brian knew about his mom?*He saw her with another man in a station wagon and guessed that was the reason his parents were getting a divorce.* |
| Why couldn’t Brian see very well his first night being lost? *His eyes were almost**swollen shut from the mosquitoes.*When Brian first realizes he would trade everything he has for a hamburger, he begins shouting outloud. What does he shout over and over?*“I’m hungry!”* | What does Brian do right after he drinks the lake water for the first time?*He throws up.*What happened to Brian after he ate the gut cherries the first time?*He vomited and got diarrhea because he ate too many* | What made the mosquitoes and black flies disappear and leave Brian alone? *The sun came up and it got hot out.*What does Brian name his raft?*Brushpile One* |
| Why was Brian nervous about drinking the lake water?*He was nervous because he could see bugs and small things swimming in it, it looked murky, and he thought about the dead pilot.* | What did Brian already know about plane crashes that made him hopeful? *Brian knew the pilot would have made a flight plan and everyone, including his parents, would be searching for him.* | What advice did Brian’s English teacher, Mr. Perpich, give him in school? *He advised Brian to be motivated, that he is his best asset, to stay positive and on top of things!* |
| Why did Brian begin to worry that it may be a while before he is found? *Brian realized that when the pilot had his heart attack his right foot had jerked down on the rudder which would take the plane off course and well away from the original flight plan.* | What does Brian decide to use as a shelter? *He used the overhang of a cliff as his shelter. The overhang made a watertight roof.* | When Brian looked in the water at his reflection, how did he feel?*He was frightened-his face was cut and bleeding, swollen and lumpy, his hair was matted, and on his forehead had a cut that healed but left hair stuck with blood and a scab.* |
| How big was Brian’s shelter once he finished building the wall? *His shelter was about 15 ft. long and 8-10 ft. deep.* | How did Brian make his shelter safer?*He used sticks to make a wall to close it in a bit.* | What did Brian name the berries?*Brian named the berries gut cherries.* |
| What does Brian realize is the most important rule of survival?*You can’t feel sorry for yourself* | What other kind of berries did Brian find? *He found raspberries and recognized the bushes because he and Terry picked and ate them in the park near their home.* | What does Brian hear behind him while he is picking the raspberries?*Brian hears a bear behind him while he is picking raspberries.* |
| Why did the porcupine attack Brian during the night in the shelter? *Brian had scared it by throwing his hatchet at it and the porcupine was only trying to protect itself.* | What did Brian dream about the night he was hurt by the porcupine quills?*He dreamt that his dad and Terry told him how to make a fire.* | When Brian ran away from the raspberry bushes after seeing the bear, why did he decide to turn back?*The bear only wanted to eat berries, not humans.* |
| Why did Brian feel like the fire was his friend? *The fire would protect him and possibly help someone find him by the smoke.* | What did Brian find at the shore, buried four inches below the sand?*He found turtle eggs buried in the sand.* | What was Brian able to use to start a fire?*He used his hatchet against the rocks which made sparks.* |
| What steps did Brian have to take to make his fire?*1st he had to make sparks from his hatchet and a rock onto fine kindling, then blow gently on it, then add small pieces of wood and grass, and finally add dried sticks from trees.* | What did Brian do with the turtle eggs?*Brian ate the turtle eggs -6 at one time, because he was so hungry. Then he saved the rest to eat one a day.* | Why did Brian not want to stop thinking about the searchers?*He felt that if he stopped thinking about them, they would stop thinking about him.* |
| How had Brian’s appearance begin to change after the crash?*Brian is thinner, is tanned, and has a leathery looking face.* | What is the first meat that Brian kills and eats.*A foolbird* | What is Brian’s plan if he hears a plane overhead?*If he hears a plane he will run up with a burning limb and light the big signal fire.* |
| As Brian looked out over the L-shaped lake, what did he realize he could eat, like the birds?*He could eat the fish- but he would need to make a spear to catch them.* | What was Brian working on when he heard the whine of the plane engine? *Brian was busy making a bow when he heard a plane’s engine.* | Why did Brian need a bow?*Brian needed a bow because the spear wasn’t working to catch the fish-he needed more force.* |
| How did Brian feel when the plane turned and flew away?*Brian was disappointed, and felt hopeless, sad, and alone.* | Why did Brian keep thinking and whispering, “look back”? *Because he wanted the pilot to look back and see his signal fire.* | What did Brian use for a string on his bow?*He used his shoelace from his tennis shoes.* |
| Why wasn’t Brian able to catch any fish when he first made his bow and arrow? *Water refracts (bends light)-he was aiming too high/the water made the fish appear closer than they actually were.* | What kind of hope did Brian find building up in him? *Tough hope was building inside of him. Hope in his knowledge, hope in the fact that he could learn and survive and take care of himself.* | What were the effects Brian suffered after he was sprayed by a skunk? *He was blind for 2 hours, his eyes hurt for weeks, the smell lingered at least a month and a half.* |
| How did Brian make a ladder to get to his food shelf?*He found a pine tree, chopped off the branches so they stuck out 4-5 inches, all up along the log, and then cut the log off about 10 feet long.* | What did Brian do to store the fish so they wouldn’t spoil?*He made a little rock enclosure to keep them alive in, but he could grab them quickly whenever he wanted to eat.* | Why didn’t flies or mosquitoes come into the shelter when the fire was built up?*The mosquitoes and flies didn’t like the smoke, so they stayed away.* |
| Why was it so difficult to catch a Foolbird? *They blended in with their surroundings, they were silent, they stood perfectly still, and you couldn’t see them until they flew.* | What are some of the “First Days” that Brian remembers?*He remembers* *‘First Arrow Day’, ‘First Rabbit Day’, and ‘First Meat Day’.* | When Brian was cleaning the bird to eat, what did he do with the insides?*He washed the insides off into the pond to attract fish.* |
| How did the moose react to Brian when she saw him at the water and wanted to come down to the water too?*The moose attacked him.* | What is a fish board?*A fish board is a flattened board Brian used to lay his fish on and lean into the fire to cook them.* | What did Brian have to do to get away from the moose?*When she was eating he had to crawl away slowly, stopping and waiting when the hair on her back raised up.* |
| Why did Brian feel like he was back to square one, after the tornado? *He was injured, he had no fire, food, weapons, or shelter.* | After the tornado, what unnatural object was sticking out of the water in the lake?*The tail of the airplane was sticking out of the lake.* | Why was Brian so anxious to get the survival pack from the back of the plane?*He wanted to see what was in it and knew it would have items to make his survival much easier.* |
| When Brian was preparing his feast and drinking his orange drink, what appeared out of the sky?*An airplane flew overhead.* | Why was building a raft so difficult for Brian?*It was difficult because he didn’t have anything to hold the logs together.* | How did he solve his problem and tie the logs together to make the raft? *He used logs with branches and wove them together.* |
| When Brian finally made it to the plane, what was his next problem? *He couldn’t get inside it.* | How was Brian able to get into the plane?*He cut through the aluminum siding with his hatchet.* | Why did Brain have to dive down into the water when he was trying to get into the plane?*He dove in the water to retrieve his hatchet.* |
| What made Brian sick when he was under the water looking for the survival bag?*He saw the not quite cleaned skull of the pilot.* | How long did it take Brian to go to the plane, get the survival bag and get back to camp?*It took him from morning until into the dark of night.* | How did Brian feel about the items in the survival pack as he looked through them?*Happy and sad/ they changed him- he no longer had to work so hard to survive.* |
| When Brian went through the dehydrated food packages, why do you think he decided to feast now and be careful with the food later? *He was so hungry, he felt he knew how to get his own food, so he would enjoy what was there as a way of celebrating.* | Name 3 items in the survival pack?*(possible answers)sleeping bag, foam pads, pots, matches, lighters, knife, compass, first aid kit, a cap, fishing kit, rifle, food packets, emergency transmitter, soap* | What was the first thing Brian said to the pilot of the plane who heard his transmitter?*The first thing he said was, “My name is Brian Robeson. Would you like something to eat?”* |
| When Brian was rescued, how long had he been lost?*Brian had been missing for 54 Days.* | Why did Brian build the raft?*He built it to reach the tail end of the plane and get the survival pack.* | How was the new plane able to land safely on the lake?*It was a float plane. It was designed to land on water.* |
| Why was the float plane pilot flying above the woods and lake?*He was a fur buyer and that brought him to the woods and the lake.* | When Brian was back in New York, why did he stop at the end of the grocery store aisle and just stare down it?*He couldn’t believe how much food there was.* | Did Brian ever tell his dad the secret?*Brian never did tell his dad his secret.* |
| One of the biggest lessons Brian learns is that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the most important thing for survival.*Food* |  |  |
| In what book does a character fly to Canada in a single-engine Cessna airplane?*Hatchet by Gary Paulson* | In what book is a character attacked by mosquitoes and black flies as he watched the sun rise?*Hatchet by Gary Paulson* | In what book does a character see a beaver, for the first time in his life, while he is at a lake?*Hatchet by Gary Paulson* |
| In what book does a character discover berries to eat after watching brightly colored birds land in a tall willow type bush and the birds were eating the berries.*Hatchet by Gary Paulson* | In what book does a charactername an event “First Meat” after killing a Foolbird to eat?*Hatchet by Gary Paulson* | In what book does a character name his raft, Brushpile?*Hatchet by Gary Paulson* |