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Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Hatchet: Chapters 6–8

1. What important survival resource does Brian discover at the start of chapter 6?

- a. shelter b. water
- c. fire d. an animal hide



2. Who does Brian hold responsible for his being stranded in the Canadian wilderness, and why?

- a. his dad for making him



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- a. He follows bear tracks.
- b. He follows a flock of birds.
- c. He follows a family of squirrels.
- d. He trips and falls right into a berry bush.

4. How does Brian apply his prior survival knowledge to locate a food source in chapter 6? Use details from the text to explain your answer.

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5. Brian spends nearly two hours building a door for his shelter. What does his reaction to completing the door reveal about his mindset and approach to survival?
- a. He becomes frustrated with how long it took, showing he has no patience and he is angry about his situation.
 - b. He feels proud and satisfied, showing he is gaining some confidence and a positive outlook on his situation.
 - c. He regrets spending so much time on the door, showing he doubts his knowledge and capabilities to survive.
 - d. He decides shelter improvements are unnecessary, showing he thinks he will be rescued very soon.

6. What is ironic about Brian screaming "Mother!" when he wakes up in pain from eating the



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8. When Brian sees his reflection in the water, what does he reveal to readers about his appearance, and how does it make him feel?

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9. In chapter 7, the text states, “Home. Three days, no, two—or was it three? Yes, this was the third day and he had thought of the shelter as home.” What does this quote reveal about Brian’s current state of mind regarding his situation?

10. What emotions does Brian experience during and after his contact with the bear,



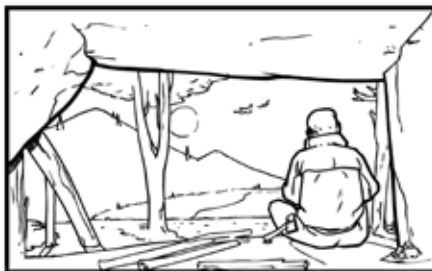
11. What is the mood at the end of chapter 7, and how does it change from the beginning of the chapter? *Remember, the mood is how a story makes you feel as the reader.*

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Brian is frightened and feels self-pity upon seeing his appearance, as he describes himself as dirty and ugly. The text states, "Ugly, he thought. Very, very ugly. And he was, at that moment, almost overcome with self-pity. He was dirty and starving and bitten and hurt and lonely and afraid and so completely miserable that it was like being in a pit, a dark, deep pit with no way out."

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12. How does Brian make the best out of his encounter with the porcupine in chapter 8, and how does it demonstrate his resilience?

Answers will vary: Although Brian is injured during his encounter with the porcupine, he notices that when he throws the hatchet and it strikes the wall, the sparks it produces could help him start a fire. This demonstrates resilience because, despite the pain and chaos of the moment, he turns a dangerous situation into an opportunity to create warmth and safety for himself.