Grade 8

*Touching Spirit Bear* - Assessment II
Teacher Answer Key

- The purpose of this assessment is to give the teacher and student a perspective of how well the student understands the vocabulary and comprehension skills taught in Part I of *Touching Spirit Bear*. It will also give a glimpse of how well the students internalized and applied the spectrum of instructional strategies used while reading the novel.
- The assessment should be taken as an open-book test. Students should be given about 30 minutes to complete the test.
- Each Multiple-Choice question is worth 1 point and the short response is worth up to 2 points. Use the following rubric to Score Question 9.

**Two-Point Scoring Rubric** (For Short-Response Questions)

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**Directions**: Use Chapters 14-28 in *Touching Spirit Bear* to answer the following questions.

### Chapter 14

**LA.8.1.6.3**
**LA.8.1.6.8**
**LA.8.1.6.9**

**Context Clues Words/Phrases Word Relationships**

1. Read the quotation from the Chapter 14:
   
   "Your father carried too much baggage from his past-baggage he never dealt with."

   What does the quote reveal about Cole’s mother’s opinion of her husband?

   a) Cole’s father resents Cole’s mother and never explains his feelings.
   b) Cole’s father has difficulty carrying heavy luggage because of an injury in his childhood.
   c) **Cole’s father has difficulty dealing with his son because of what happened in his own childhood.** *
   d) Cole’s father was given too many material things when he was younger and never appreciated them.

### Chapter 14

**LA.8.2.1.2**

**Plot/Character Development**

2. What action best demonstrates a change in Mrs. Matthews’ attitude toward Cole’s situation?

   a) She stands by Cole’s bed and wrings her hands on her visits to the hospital.
   b) She warns Cole that he is lucky to be alive and he might become crippled.
   c) **She warns Cole not to burn his bridges and pay his debt to society.** *
   d) **She breaks her silence and presses charges against her ex-husband.** *

### Chapter 15

3. What do most members of the Circle believe should happen to Cole when he is released from
### Main Idea

**LA.8.1.7.3**  
**Main Idea**  
the hospital?  
- a) Most members believe that the attack was enough punishment and he should be set free.  
- b) Most members believe since Cole is injured, he will be better off in the custody of his mother.  
- c) The members believe Cole will succeed if they give him another chance on the island.  
- d) **The members believe it was appropriate to send Cole back into the traditional judicial system.**  

### Chapter 16

**LA.8.1.7.7**  
**Contrast**  
4. How is Garvey’s meal different from Cole’s meal when they return to the island after Cole’s injuries?  
   - a) **Cole’s meal simply feeds him while Garvey’s meal is carefully orchestrated and presented to the group.**  
   - b) Cole prepares a meal gathered from the island while Garvey prepares from Edwin’s supplies.  
   - c) Cole’s meal is left to the men to cook while Garvey reluctantly takes over.  
   - d) Cole meal is made in friendship while Garvey prepares his in disgust.  

### Chapter 16

**LA.8.1.7.7**  
**Comparison**  
5. Why does the author compare the whole world to a hot dog?  
   - a) **Life is what you put into it, it can be a simple meal or a celebration.**  
   - b) Hot dogs are the main food during Cole’s banishment.  
   - c) A shared hot dog means the world to Edwin.  
   - d) Everyone loves to eat a hot dog at parties.  

### Chapter 17

**LA.8.1.7.4**  
**Cause/Effect**  
6. How did Edwin’s ritual at the pond affect Cole?  
   - a) Cole realized the frigid pond caused stiffness and pain in his joints.  
   - b) **Cole realized happiness is a choice to be made one day at a time.**  
   - c) Cole dreaded soaking because of the bitter cold water.  
   - d) Cole admitted that thinking makes him mad.  

### Chapter 19

**LA.8.1.7.4**  
**Cause/Effect**  
7. What is the main reason Edwin and Garvey become disgusted with Cole in Chapter 19?  
   - a) **Cole’s resentful mind-set.**  
   - b) Cole’s constant clumsiness  
   - c) Cole’s loneliness and frustration  
   - d) Cole’s hesitance to participate in the dances  

### Chapter 19

**LA.8.2.1.2**  
**Plot Development**  
8. What important lessons does Cole learn in Chapter 19?  
   Use details and information from the chapter to support your answer  
   **Example of a Top Score Response**  
   Cole learns several lessons in this chapter. He learns that in order to stay on the island he has to examine and change his attitude. He realizes during his dance of the wolf that he does not want to be alone and he needs the help of others, like the wolf pack. Cole also learns that the cold morning soak is not only therapeutic for his aching points, but it also calms his thoughts. However most importantly, he discovered he has to stop blaming others for his dilemma, even his father. Once he does this, his anger is lifted from his shoulders. He feels like a new person.  

### Chapter 20

**LA.8.2.1.2**  
**Plot/Character Development**  
9. How is Cole demonstrating to Edwin and Garvey that his attitude is improving so that he can remain on the island?  
   - a) **Cole diligently completes the construction of his Cabin and makes preparation for his stay.**  
   - b) Cole offers Edwin and Garvey an opportunity to carry the ancestor rock.  
   - c) Cole admits he is scared and does bad things.  
   - d) Cole volunteers to return to Minneapolis.
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<th>Chapter 20</th>
<th>10. What word best describes Cole at the end of Chapter 20?</th>
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| LA.8.2.1.2 | a) angry  
| Plot/Character Development | b) anxious  
| | c) relieved  
| | d) peaceful |

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<th>Chapter 21</th>
<th>11. What is Cole’s routine for “healing” while he is on the island?</th>
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| LA.8.1.7.3 | a) Each day he washes his clothes and gathers food for the evening.  
| Main Idea | b) Each day he gathers firewood and searches for proof of Spirit Bear.  
| Relevant Details | c) Each day he writes a letter to his mother, does his homework and gathers food for the evening.  
| | d) Each day he soaks, carries his ancestor rock, completes assignments and improves his cabin area.* |

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<th>12. The author wants the reader to think that during his dance of anger Cole is forgiving _____________.</th>
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| LA.8.1.7.2 | a) Peter Driscal’s lawyer  
| Author’s Purpose | b) Garvey and Edwin  
| | c) Mr. Matthews *  
| | d) Spirit Bear |

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<th>Chapter 24</th>
<th>13. Which statement best supports the idea that Cole’s healing process is successful?</th>
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| LA.8.6.2.2 | a) Because of the bitter winds that winter brought, Cole spent more and more time holed up inside the warm cabin.  
| Analyze and Evaluate | b) Being confined allowed Cole more time for schoolwork, but also more time to think about being alone.  
| Validity and Reliability of Information | c) The Tlingit elder’s quiet presence was better than the endless hours alone.  
| | d) It isn’t enough to be sorry and forgive, Peter has to be helped. * |
Chapter 26 L.A.A.1.3.2 Vocabulary/Analyzing Text
14. Which phrase reveals Cole’s attempt at reconciliation with Peter?
a) “He has a right to be mad at me,”
b) “Tonight will be a feast because we make it a feast.” *
c) “Do you guys want to carry the ancestor rock with me?”
d) “Thanks for standing by me and everything else you’ve done.”

Chapter 28 L.A.E.2.3.1 Plot Development
15. What is Peter’s opinion of Cole at the end of the novel?
a) Cole is being a trusted friend. *
b) Cole is forgiving Peter for attacking him.
c) Peter considers Cole to be perpetual jerk.
d) Cole is just trying to find a way to get off the island.