

**Grade 8**  
**Touching Spirit Bear -Assessment I**  
**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)**

2 Points	The response indicates that the student has a complete understanding of the reading concept embodied in the task. The student has provided a response that is accurate, complete, and fulfills all the requirements of the task. Necessary support and/or examples are included, and the information given is clearly text-based.
1 Point	The response indicates that the student has a partial understanding of the reading concept embodied in the task. The student has provided a response that may include information that is essentially correct and text-based, but the information is too general or too simplistic. Some of the support and/or examples may be incomplete or omitted.
0 Points	The response indicates that the student does not demonstrate an understanding of the reading concept embodied in the task. The student has provided a response that is inaccurate; the response has an insufficient amount of information to determine the student’s understanding of the task; or the student has failed to respond to the task.

**Directions: Use Chapters 1-13 in *Touching Spirit Bear* to answer the following questions.**

<p><u>Chapter 1</u></p> <p>LA.8.1.6.3          LA.8.1.6.8          LA.8.1.6.9</p> <p><b>Analyzing Words in Text</b></p>	<p>1. What does the word <b><i>banishment</i></b> mean in the story?</p> <p>a) demands  <b>b) <u>exclusion</u> *</b>          c) frustration          d) patience</p>
<p><u>Chapter 1</u></p> <p>LA.8.2.1.2  <b>Character Development</b></p>	<p>2. What two words best describe Cole Matthews at the beginning of the novel?</p> <p><b>a) <u>angry, defiant</u> *</b>          b) fearful, gutless          c) shamed, humble          d) vicious, relaxed</p>
<p><u>Chapter 2</u></p> <p>LA.8.6.2.2</p> <p><b>Analyze and Evaluate Validity of Information</b></p>	<p>3. Read the following quote from Chapter 2:  <b>“Nobody is going to baby-sit you here. If you eat you’ll live. If not, you’ll die. This land can provide for you or kill you.”</b>          What does the quote reveal about Edwin’s opinion of Cole’s position?  <b>a) <u>Edwin thinks Cole is not taking his banishment seriously.</u>*</b></p>

	<p>b) Edwin thinks Cole will do well during his stay on the island. c) Edwin thinks Cole should baby-sit the animals on the island. d) Edwin thinks Cole is nuts to agree to live on the island for a year.</p>
<p><b>Chapter 3</b> <b>LA.8.1.7.7</b> <b>Comparisons</b></p>	<p>4. How is Cole's attitude towards Garvey's cake like his attitude toward his own life?</p> <p>a) Both are thought of as tasteless. b) Both are thought of as humorous. <b>c) Both are thought of as a disaster. *</b> d) Both are thought of as a success.</p>
<p><b>Chapter 3</b> <b>LA.8.1.7.2</b> <b>Author's Purpose</b></p>	<p>5. What is the author's purpose for using flashback in the novel?</p> <p>a) to entertain the reader with an amusing moment from Cole's past b) to reveal to the reader what will happen to Cole in the future c) to show Cole as a teenager who regrets his past <b>d) to reveal why Cole's character acts as he does *</b></p>
<p><b>Chapter 4</b> <b>LA.8.2.1.2</b> <b>Plot Development</b></p>	<p>6. How does Cole react to his victim during Circle Justice?</p> <p><b>a) Cole glares threateningly at Peter. *</b> b) Cole refuses to look Peter directly in the eye. c) Cole taps his shoe against the leg of his victim's chair. d) Cole reluctantly holds his victim's hand while sitting in Circle Justice.</p>
<p><b>Chapter 5 &amp; 8</b> <b>LA.8.6.2.2</b> <b>Analyze and Evaluate</b> <b>Validity of Information</b></p>	<p>7. What evidence best supports that Cole has actually seen Spirit Bear? a) Cole squints to find a motionless, massive image across the shoreline. b) Cole's charred hunting knife is covered with Spirit Bear's blood. <b>c) Cole pulls out a tuft of white fur he kept in his pocket. *</b> d) Cole's wounds show signs of bear claws.</p>
<p><b>Chapter 6</b> <b>LA.8.1.7.3</b> <b>Main Idea/ Relevant</b> <b>Details</b></p>	<p>8. Peter's lawyer says that any solution found by Circle Justice must do two things. What two things was the lawyer referring to?</p> <p>a) Members of Circle Justice hold hands and pray. b) Cole must go to jail as well as pay for Peter's medical care. <b>c) Society should be protected from Cole as well as Cole taking responsibility for his wrong doing. *</b> d) Peter should have the opportunity to hurt Cole in return as well as receive money for damages.</p>
<p><b>Chapter 6</b> <b>LA.8.1.7.4</b> <b>Cause/Effect</b></p>	<p>9. What factors influence Cole to behave as he does and become a violent juvenile offender? Use details and information from the novel to support your answer. <b>Example of a Top Score Response:</b> Cole's relationship with his parents has had a devastating effect on his _____ behavior. His mother's neglect due to alcoholism together with his father's ___ verbal and physical abuse have caused him to be bitter and calculating. He has grown up with no regard for others and considers everyone to be pathetic fools.</p>
<p><b>Chapter 7</b> <b>LA.8.1.7.4</b> <b>Cause/Effect</b></p>	<p>10. How does Cole react to the white bear at the end of Chapter 7?</p> <p>a) Cole breathes in deeply and stands motionless. b) Cole returns to the cabin before the bear senses his fear. c) Cole tries to communicate with the bear to join him for a meal of fish. <b>d) Cole's anger is ignited and he becomes determined to challenge the bear.*</b></p>
<p><b>Chapter 8</b></p>	<p>11. In Chapter 2, Edwin advises Cole about how to live in harmony with the other creatures on the island. How are Edwin's words proven to be true?</p>

<p><b>LA.8.2.1.2</b> <b>Plot Development</b></p>	<p><b>a) <u>Cole ignores Edwin’s advice and is severely wounded because of his stubbornness.</u> *</b></p> <p>b) Cole is able to eat worms, fish and rodents to help him survive. c) Cole defies Edwin and has inflicted pain upon the bear. d) Cole realizes how animals survive in the wild.</p>
<p><b><u>Chapter 9</u></b> <b>LA.8.1.7.7</b> <b>Contrast</b></p>	<p>12. What advantage do the baby birds have over Cole? a) The baby birds can leave the island while Cole is sentenced there for a year. b) The baby birds are never scolded while Cole is reprimanded by everyone. c) The baby birds have a warm, dry shelter to keep them safe from the harshest storms while Cole is living in the open. <b>d) <u>The baby birds have a mother who watches over her young while Cole has been left alone with no guidance from his mother.</u> *</b></p>
<p><b><u>Chapter 9</u></b> <b>LA.8.1.6.3</b> <b>LA.8.1.6.8</b> <b>LA.8.1.6.9</b> <b>Analyzing Words in Text</b></p>	<p>13. The author indicates that Cole has to focus on the moon to help him “remain on this side.” What does he mean by that? a) to think about going to heaven b) to stop him from gagging and vomiting <b>c) <u>to keep his mind on surviving the attack</u> *</b> d) to keep him from thinking about the young sparrows</p>
<p><b><u>Chapter 11</u></b> <b>LA.8.2.1.2</b> <b>Plot Development</b></p>	<p>14. Why does Cole spit at the bear? a) to attract the bear’s attention b) to show the bear he is ready to die. c) to clear his throat before he screamed at the bear <b>d) <u>to bring closure to the bear attack and his life so far</u> *</b></p>
<p><b><u>Chapter 13</u></b> <b>LA.8.1.7.3</b> <b>Main Idea/ Relevant Details</b></p>	<p>15. What is the most important advice Rosey gives Cole at the clinic? <b>a) <u>“Helping others will heal your spirit.”</u> *</b> b) “Getting enough rest will help you heal.” c) “Try not to dream about the monsters.” d) “Things will get worse before they get better.”</p>