

Wolf Brother Comprehension

Use the text to help you answer the questions below.

💡 If you see a light bulb next to the question, you will need to think about your own thoughts or opinions, based on what you have read.

1. Why does the author delay the introduction of the bear to the reader?

It keeps the reader wondering what has attacked them and keeps the suspense flowing through the first page.

2. What is the purpose of the rhetorical questions on p.2?

They ask the questions that the reader might be asking and also brings the reader closer to the character and his emotions.

💡 3. Why do you think Torak doesn't tell his father how much his injuries are hurting him?

Appropriate answers, e.g. I think Torak doesn't want to worry his father and wants to pretend that he is strong enough to fight the bear and protect his father.

4. Look at the quote:

'The Forest itself was holding breath.' (p.4)

What does the author mean by this?

There is no noise in the forest and so the silence sounds like the Forest is holding its breath. There is no wind or birdsong.

💡 5. What do you think the Death Journey is?

Appropriate answers, e.g. I think the Death Journey is what Torak's father believes happens after his life ends.

6. Why does Fa think the bear is possessed?

He thinks some demon from the Otherworld has entered the bear and made it evil. With each kill, it gets stronger and it is already the strongest hunter in the Forest.

7. What does the word 'invincible' mean?

It means unstoppable - nothing can stop it.



💡8. Why do you think Torak feels that he can't do the next part of the journey alone?

Appropriate answers, e.g. He doesn't feel brave enough to go without his father as he doesn't think he can do what his father wants him to do. He still feels like a boy instead of a man.

9. What advice does Fa give Torak before sending him off to get water?

To always look behind him when he's hunting - his father tells him but he always forgets.

10. *'Around him the trees were bleeding.'* (p. 8)

Which technique has the author used here? Circle one:

Metaphor

Personification

Onomatopoeia

