

## Wolf Brother chapter 31 – comprehension

1. Find two differences between Torak and Wolf as they go up the trail.

Wolf makes no sound, Wolf moves more easily, Wolf is happy to be there

2. As the bear turns to go down into forest, what is Torak thinking (3 marks)

- I can't believe I'm actually calling the bear back
- Finally I am going to fight instead of run
- It's so terrifyingly huge
- I hope my plan works
- I hope the World Spirit helps

3. Find and copy a word or phrase that shows Wolf's eyes reflect the mysterious 'light' of the Nanuak

Wolf's eyes threw back a faint, shimmering light

4. How does this encounter with the bear differ from previous ones in the story?

Torak is prepared, he is hunting the bear instead of vice versa, he is without anyone except Wolf

5. During this chapter, the author does not tell us what Torak's plan is. What is the effect of this on the reader? Explain.

It increases tension and suspense as we usually hear Torak's thoughts and perspective but now it is suddenly withheld. We see his nervousness but have no idea whether he has a good plan or if it will work.

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1. Choose the most appropriate word to fit in the gap to complete a summary of the opening of this chapter:

a) As Hord attacked Torak, the bear was ...

growling

approaching

ravenous

standing

b) Wolf tried to protect Torak by attacking Hord, and he suddenly looked like a ..... wolf.

mature

terrified

freezing

strange

c) Hord wanted it to be him who took the Nanuak to the mountain because he was overcome by .....

pride

fear

rage

guilt

2. What does Torak suddenly understand about the prophecy?

'Giving his heart's blood' means losing Wolf as Wolf is like his own blood/family

3. How does the World Spirit help Torak?

It makes an avalanche destroy Hord and the bear, perhaps only once it receives the Nanuak

4. Why does Torak not feel any sense of triumph or joy at having fulfilled Fa's oath and completing his quest?

Because he is so worried and upset that Wolf has gone and feels heart-wrenching lost for his only remaining family

5. Why does Torak not howl a reply?

Because in Wolf speak there is no future. Also, perhaps so that the reader can understand his final thoughts without it being in growls and 'uffs' which would make it harder to empathise with.

## Wolf Brother Final Thoughts

Use these as a chance to explore your own thoughts and interpretations.

1. How is family explored within the book?
2. What themes are present in the story and what are their significance?
3. How does the forest and its creatures help Torak succeed?
4. What questions do you have now at the end of the story?