

Hatchet

COMPREHENSION

Name: _____

- ◆ What was "The Secret"?
He saw his mother with another man.
- ◆ What has Brian's father designed or invented?
Some kind of oil drill.
- ◆ Why is Brian unable to carry on a conversation with the pilot?
Because of the noise from the plane engine.
- ◆ What would have happened if Brian had gone through regular airport security in today's world?
His hatched would be taken.
- ◆ Why is the pilot rubbing his shoulder?
Because he had a heart attack.
- ◆ Describe the setting at the beginning of the story.
Thirteen-year-old Brian Robeson is on his way to visit his father, a mechanical engineer in the oil fields of Canada, the summer following his parents' divorce.
- ◆ Explain how chapter one ends.
That he was alone in the plane with a dead pilot.
- ◆ How old is Brian Robeson?
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- ◆ Where is his father presently working?
In the oil fields of Canada.
- ◆ With what single word did his thinking always begin?
The Secret.
- ◆ Describe what happened immediately after the plane's engine coughed and died.
The plane slowly went down and went faster and faster.
- ◆ Explain how Brian called for help and describe what happened.
He swam to the plane, cut it open and got out a survival kit which contained a SOS sender and he activated it.
- ◆ Why did Brian think that the best place to set down the plane was the edge of the lake?
Near the water and near a good shelter.
- ◆ How did Brian initially react to the situation?
He didn't panic, he stood calm and thought about what to do.
- ◆ What motivated Brian to finally attempt to fly the plane?
He didn't want to die.
- ◆ What would eventually happen to the plane?
It would go down in the water.