The “Big Ideas” for each chapter are listed below. Use this as a note taking guide. You do not need to write in complete sentences, but your notes should be thoughtful and detailed. You can use this note taking sheet on the Part 1 Assessment of Touching Spirit Bear. (Date of Part 1 Assessment is Tuesday, May 28)

Each “Big Idea” response is worth ONE point.

Chapter 1 – BIG IDEAS
1.) Cole vs. Peter –

2.) Peter’s condition –

3.) Cole vs. mom –

4.) Cole vs. dad –

5.) Circle of Justice –

Chapter 2 – BIG IDEAS
6.) Cole vs. Garvey –

7.) Advice for Cole –

8.) At. Òow –

9.) “Talk is cheap” (p. 21) –

Chapter 3 – BIG IDEAS
10.) Relationship with mom –
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11.) Relationship with dad –

**Chapter 4 – BIG IDEAS**

12.) “Life is a circle” (p. 34) –

13.) Feather as a symbol –

14.) Characterize Mr. William Matthews –

15.) Characterize Mrs. Cindy Matthews –

**Chapter 5 – BIG IDEAS**

16.) Cole’s attitude regarding first encounter with the bear –

17.) Cole’s anger –

**Chapter 6 – BIG IDEAS**

18.) Peter’s mother’s feelings about Cole –

19.) Peter’s feelings about Cole –

20.) Desired effects of banishment/extreme isolation –

**Chapter 7 – BIG IDEAS**

21.) Cole’s reaction to the second encounter with the bear –

22.) Cole’s third encounter with the bear –
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23.) Cole’s courage vs. ignorance –

Chapter 8 – BIG IDEAS
24.) External conflict (Cole vs. bear) –

25.) Use of imagery in the bear fight scene –

26.) “The hair gave Cole a sense of power” (p. 69) –

Chapter 9 – BIG IDEAS
27.) Cole’s internal conflict –

28.) Cole’s jealousy regarding the baby sparrows –

Chapter 10 – BIG IDEAS
29.) Cole’s hopelessness –

30.) The sparrows’ haunting effect on Cole –

31.) Cole’s desire to live –

32.) Evidence of Cole’s desperation –

Chapter 11 – BIG IDEAS
33.) Cole’s act of defiance with the bear –
Chapter 12 – BIG IDEAS
34.) Cole’s curious/surprising encounter with the bear –

35.) Cole’s rescue –

Chapter 13 – BIG IDEAS
36.) The meanings behind Cole’s “dreams” –

37.) Cole’s reason for not sharing evidence of the bear’s hair –

Questions from Touching Spirit Bear Part 1
Good readers ask questions as they read. Write down five questions that you have from Part 1.

Sample question: “Will Peter ever forgive Cole?”

1.)

2.)

3.)

4.)

5.)

Predictions for Touching Spirit Bear Part 2
Good readers make predictions as they read. Write down three predictions you have for Part 2.

1.)

2.)

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