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Inquiry Learning

Directions: After spring break we will begin reading a novel titled Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson. Before reading it is important to have some background understanding of some topics that will be introduced in the book. Please complete the chart below before gathering information.

Part One

1. Have you ever heard of a Spirit Bear? Yes No

If yes, what do you know?

1. Have you ever heard of the Tlingit Indians? Yes No

If yes, what do you know?

1. Have you ever heard of Circle Justice? Yes No

If yes, what do you know?

1. What do you know about the state Alaska?
2. What do you know about the state of Minnesota?

Part Two

Directions: Surf the web (**ABSOLUTELY NOT WIKEPEDIA**) and gather interesting factual information about these topics. Find out the answers the following questions. Do not check only one source.

The Spirit Bear

1. Who/what is the Spirit Bear?
2. Where does the Spirit Bear live?
3. What does the Spirit Bear symbolize (represent or stand for)?
4. Does the Spirit Bear really exist?
5. List (at least) 5 **interesting** new facts about the Spirit Bear.

Tlingit Indians

1. Who are the Tlingit Indians?
2. Where do the Tlingit Indians live?
3. What is one of the strongest beliefs of the Tlingit Indians?
4. Do the Tlingit Indians exist today?
5. List (at least) 5 **interesting** new facts about the Tlingit Indians.



Circle Justice

1. What is Circle Justice?
2. Where did Circle Justice originate?
3. What is the main belief behind Circle Justice?
4. Does Circle Justice exist today?
5. List (at least) 5 **interesting** new facts about Circle Justice.



1. Do you believe the Circle Justice System is a good idea? Explain your answer.

Alaska

1. What year did Alaska become a state?
2. What is the general climate like in Alaska for an entire year? Include the temperature and sunlight hours.

Temperature Hours of Sunlight

* January\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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1. What bodies of water surround Alaska?
2. What type of wildlife is common in Alaska?
3. Name a fact about Alaska that you did not know before this search.

Minnesota

1. Where is Minnesota? What part of the country is it considered part of?
2. What is the capital of Minnesota?
3. What is the twin city?
4. What other states surround Minnesota?
5. Name a fact about Minnesota that you did not know about before this search.