***Grade 7: Examining the Influence of Setting on Character Development***

*Readers, today you will read an excerpt from Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelsen, analyzing how particular elements of this story interact*. *Answer on a separate sheet of paper.*

1. As you read, **annotate** the story, capturing details and evidence that show your investigation of the character’s multiple traits and the pressures the character faces.
2. Then answer the question below, analyzing the impact of the setting on the character:

* **How does the setting and its’ influence on Cole introduce, illustrate, and develop larger themes in *Touching Spirit Bear*?**

***Performance Criteria:***

*When writing to analyze how particular elements of a story interact, remember to:*

* discuss shifts in settings as well as how those shifts in settings shape characters or plot;
* evaluate and sort the evidence that most strongly illustrates the shifts in settings; explaining how those changes might be symbolic, connecting to larger themes, central ideas, and/or points of view;
* support inferences and interpretations linking specific details, images, and/or descriptions from the story, including literary techniques and language to name and explain tone, mood, and/or effect created by the author’s use and/or repetition of certain words and phrases, considering how they are used to provoke emotion, nuance, and relationship.

Type your written response below: