





BROTHER BEAR



Synopsis

A young man named Kenai is transformed into a bear. From his new perspective, Kenai discovers the world through the eyes of another as he is befriended by a bear cub named Koda, has an encounter with a pair of misguided moose and finds himself pursued by his own sibling.

Dicussion Questions:

- The Salmon Runs were a family tradition where all the bears gathered. Think of the Salmon Runs as a type of family gathering with lots of tasty food! Does your family have similar traditions? Are there types of food you eat at certain times of the year? What do you like about these gatherings?
- Kenai felt like he had to get revenge on the bear for stealing his basket of fish. Was his response to the bear's theft fair? What would have been a fair response? Have you ever reacted poorly to someone harming you in some way?
- Kenai became a man as a result of the totem ceremony. Are there any ceremonies or birthdays in your culture that represent your "coming-of-age" or becoming grown up? What do you think are important birthdays and why?
- Have you ever heard of the phrase, "You never understand someone till you walk a mile in their shoes?" How do you think this phrase fits in with this story? Do you think Kenai truly began to understand the bears?



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Activities

- Create your own totem! Decide what animal would be represented in your totem and what that animal would stand for.
 Keep in mind what totems the others in the movie received. Kenai received a bear for love. Sitka's totem is an eagle for leadership.
 Draw your totem first and, if you have the supplies, mold a clay totem to create a medallion for a necklace.
- Research the Northern Lights. In the movie the Inuit tribes believed that the Northern Lights were the spirits of their ancestors making changes in the world. What are the Northern Lights? What do other people believe about them? Where can you see the Northern Lights?
- The moose kept busy on the back on the Woolly Mammoths by playing "I Spy." There wasn't much to spy there but trees. Try a game of "I Spy" in your own backyard or while on a car ride with a friend or family member.



Get Involved

- Would you like to support forest animals in your own community? Adopt an animal at your local zoo. You can even offer to volunteer there!
- Many animals in the wild have suffered at the hands of humans and because of other environmental issues. There are groups that exist to protect wildlife, such as the World Wildlife Fund and the Wildlife Conservation Society. Find more about what you can do to help at:
 - www.worldwildlife.org
 - www.wcs.org









