

BLM 6 – Questions for “The Boy in the Ditch”

1. Provide a quote that expresses the central question of this story.
2. Identify and explain one example of symbolism in the story.
3. Explain how this story connects with or disconnects from one of the First Peoples Principles of Learning.
4. What is the main message, or teaching, in the story?
5. Imagine that in the days before his death, Wilson Blackfish has been asked in his English class to write a journal entry about himself. Wilson writes his journal entry at home. He starts the assignment, but as he writes, he realizes that he has no intentions of actually handing it in. He ends up writing the journal entry just for himself – and he expresses his thoughts and feelings that he is experiencing at the time.

What would his journal entry say?