

Native American Literature
Discussion Questions

***Alone in the Wilderness* by Hap Gilliland**

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1. Why does Flint decide to go to the Beartooth Mountains alone? What are the skills he must learn before he goes on his journey?
2. What are Flint's objections to following through with the challenge? How does Tobie help him get past them?
3. Who do you think helps Flint the most in his preparation and journey? How and why?
4. What is the purpose of the sweat-lodge ceremony, and how does it affect Flint?
5. Describe the new place over the ridge where he decides to camp and explain its advantages. Why does he decide to move?
6. How does Flint keep track of time, and how does he feed himself?
7. What strategies and events help Flint succeed in climbing Granite Peak? Is this episode believable?
8. What is the lesson the nighthawk brings and how does it help him survive?
9. How does the grizzly pose a life-threatening situation for Flint?
10. What is Flint's most important lesson or reward for what he has accomplished in the Beartooth Mountains?