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***Soul Surfer* Reader's Questions**

Foreword (pp. xiii-xvii)

1. At first, why was Bethany not interested in writing a book? (p. xiii) _____

2. Who and what finally convinced Bethany to write her story? (p. xiii) _____

3. What do you think Bethany meant by "I'd pour my heart out" on p. xiv? What type of figurative language is this? _____

4. Quote a sentence or two to show Bethany's goal for others in writing her story (pp. xiv-xv).

5. List at least two things that Bethany says she is still trying to cope with? (p. xvi-xvii) Which one would be most difficult for you? _____

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Chapter 1 "Halloween Morning" (pp. 3-16)

1. Bethany was attacked by the shark on Halloween morning. How does this show irony?

2. How does the phrase "crystal clear and calm" (p. 3) help set the stage for the shark attack?

What figurative language is this? _____

3. How is the use of the literary technique of **flash-forward** on p. 3-4 effective for the beginning of Bethany's story? _____

4. Describe the Hamilton's beater, the "Blue Crush"? What would you expect to find in it? (p. 9-10) _____

5. What things does Bethany smell when she says, "Hawaii has this ability to reach out and stir all your senses". (p. 12) What figurative language is this? _____

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Chapter 2 "Roots"(pp. 19-31)

1. Describe two interesting things about Tom Hamilton's times as a young surfer in NJ (p. 19-22): _____

2. What job was Tom doing when his friend Robby suggested her visit Hawaii? How was Tom's hearing damaged? (p. 23) _____

3. What state did Cheri Hamilton grow up in? How old was she when she surfed for the first time? (p. 25-26) _____

4. Cheri describes her first time surfing by saying, "It was a _____ in my life." (p. 26) What did she mean? _____

5. What does Bethany mean when she says there was "saltwater in the bloodline"? (p. 31)

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Chapter 3 "A Serious Competitor" (pp. 35-49)

1. What is Bethany's answer when people ask her why she is so competitive? (p. 35-38)

2. Describe at least two things that Bethany admires about her brothers. (p. 35-38).

3. How does Bethany describe the competitive spirit in surfing as compared to other sports?
(p. 43) _____

4. Who became Bethany's number one promoter? What are some of the things he did?

5. How do most surfing injuries occur? (p. 49) _____

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Chapter 4 "A Mostly Normal Life" (pp. 53-65)

1. What does Bethany mean by "For me the grass is never greener outside of Hawaii". (p. 54)

2. What are Bethany's three favorite things about Hawaii? (p. 55-56). What do you think yours would be?

3. What metaphor does Bethany use to describe her ability to go on ANY amusement park ride? Cite her statement as a quote. (Example: Bethany says, "....." (Hamilton, 60).

4. How does Bethany feel about being homeschooled? Does she think it's easier than attending school? (p. 60, 62-63) _____

5. Why doesn't Bethany wear her prosthetic arm? (p. 65) _____
