

The Way of Our People

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Writing Focus #1:

(Chapters 1-2)

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Where and when does this novel take place? Why is this an important time for Kano? Why was Kano shivering? What could Kano hear as he stood waiting? Why had Kano's people picked this spot to build their village? What was so important about the fire in the Kashim?

What did Kano's father have to say about his son? How was Kano feeling as he listened to his father? Why? Cite from the text to support your thinking? What was Kano's terrible secret? Why did Kano's father give "Killer-of-bears" the first piece of moose meat? How was Napak feeling about Kano getting all the attention? Why? Why did Kano feel the need to tell someone about his secret? How did Maya react to Kano's confession?

Why was this the first time Kano's father had taken his family to spring camp? What work did they do at spring camp? What changed Kano's feelings about spring camp? Why? How was Maya going to help Kano? Why did Maya tell her father what she had done? Why was Kano's father angry? How did Kano react to his father's words?