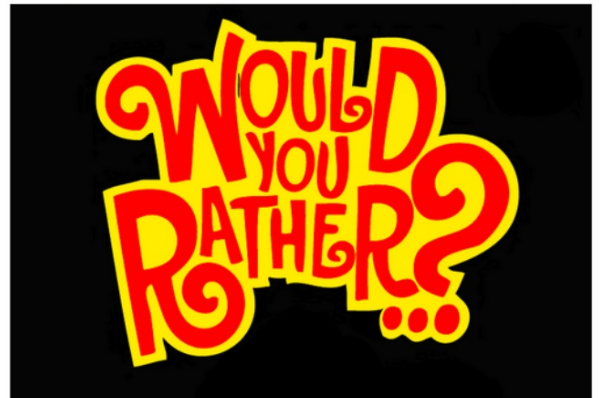


Day 3
Wednesday



...be on the run forever
and be constantly looking
for those trying to find you
OR
be someone's slave?

From... "That is the past now," he said.
To the end of chapter 8.

L.I: To be able to make inferences from the text

Success Criteria

- I know that infer means I have to use clues from text
- I can identify the key words in the question
- I can scan the text to find the right place/paragraph
- I can find evidence
- I can make inferences using evidence from the text

Recap

From yesterday

But Tata hadn't said a thing about being with the gladiators.
And now Marcus wanted to know.
"Will you tell me what happened to you, Tata?" Marcus said.
Pain flashed through Tata's eyes and he looked away from Marcus.



How was Tata feeling here?

What does this suggest about his experiences?

"That is the past now," he said.

And from his tone, Marcus knew that he must not ask again.

But he couldn't help thinking about what his father must have been through. And it made his blood boil.



Task

1. *And from his tone, Marcus knew that he must not ask again!*

Explain why Marcus could not ask his father again?

2. Why does Tata show anger towards Marcus?

3. *Tata's face softened.* Why does Tata's face soften?

4. How are Marcus and Tata different in their ideas about how the world is?

5. Why does Marcus not know what is causing the strange noises? Why do the readers know what is happening?

"I hate that lanista!" Marcus burst out. "And I hate Festus! I hate all of them for what they did to you, Tata! We need to get even!"

Yes, Marcus thought, they'd get revenge! They'd set fire to Festus's villa! Find the lanista and ...

But Tata whipped around, gripping Marcus's shoulders.

"No, Marcus," he snapped. "Never speak like that. You must never let hatred take over! Then you are no better than Festus! And hatred like that will destroy you."

Marcus blinked, stung by Tata's sharp tone.

"I'm sorry, Tata," Marcus said.

Tata's face softened. "There is goodness in the world, Marcus, and kindness. You cannot forget that."

Goodness? Kindness?

Marcus had seen none of that lately.

If there was one thing Marcus had learned these past two months, it was this: The world was a dark, evil place. Only the most ruthless would survive.

But Marcus said none of that to Tata, who would not approve of such dark thoughts.

And they were both so tired. They led Peg into a small grove of trees and tied her up for the night.

Tata stretched out on a grassy patch.

"Tomorrow our new life begins," he whispered, and within seconds he was fast asleep.

Marcus lay down next to Tata, but he couldn't get comfortable. His muscles ached from the long ride. But it was the strange noises that kept snapping him awake — distant rumbles, low hisses. Was he dreaming? Once, he drifted to sleep, but was awakened when the earth seemed to be shaking. He sat up, wondering if Tata felt it, too.

But Tata was sound asleep.

Was Marcus imagining things? Maybe what he was hearing were just the rumbles of his own angry heart.

But Peg seemed restless, too, stamping her feet, snorting.

Finally Marcus got up and stood with her, stroking her patchy fur, resting his cheek against her warm head. He looked down at Pompeii, dimly lit by oil lamps and torches. He made out the shapes of the houses crowded together along the city walls, the boats moored in the harbor.

Marcus hugged Peg.

"It's okay," he told her. "We're with Tata now. We're safe up here."

He knew that was true, that the slave hunters were far away, that Festus was too busy with his important guests to be thinking too much about his escaped slave.

Still, Marcus couldn't shake the feeling that there was something lurking up here on the mountain, something even more dangerous than the slave hunters.

But what could it be?

Answers

1. ***And from his tone, Marcus knew that he must not ask again'***

Explain why Marcus could not ask his father again?

Tata snapped when he said 'that's in the past now!'/ he didn't want to speak about it



2. Why does Tata show anger towards Marcus?

Because Marcus wanted revenge/ set fire at Festus's villa/ showed hatred.

3. ***Tata's face softened.***

Why does Tata's face soften?

Saw Marcus's eyes blinking/ Marcus said sorry.

4. How are Marcus and Tata different in their ideas about how the world is?

Tata believes there's kindness and goodness, Marcus thinks opposite and he knows Tata wouldn't approve his dark thoughts

5. Why does Marcus not know what is causing the strange noises? Why do the readers know what is happening?

He is thinking maybe it's his angry heart rumbling but it's actually because they're on the active volcano: Mount Vesuvius

