

Level 4-8

The Lady or the Tiger?

Workbook

Teacher's Guide & Answer Key

Teacher's Guide

A. Summary

1. Book Summary

Long ago in a land far away, there lived a barbarian king. He was different from other barbarian kings. He liked to think and solve problems by himself, and he observed and learned things from other lands. One thing he saw was the arena, and he built one for his people. However, it was not for sport. It was for criminals. In the arena were two doors, one with a hungry tiger behind it, and the other with a beautiful lady. The criminal had to pick one door. If he picked the one with the tiger, he would be killed by it. If he picked the one with the lady, he would have to marry her.

The king's beautiful daughter was in love with a man who was just a soldier. That made the king very angry, and he sent the man to the arena. The king was very clever in this. If the soldier picked the tiger, he would die. If he picked the lady, he could not marry the princess. Either way, the problem would be solved.

Torn between sadness and jealousy, the princess thought about what to do for a long time. On the day of the trial, she knew what was behind each door, and she sent her lover to the door on the right. What do you think happened? Which came out of the door—the lady or the tiger?

2. Chapter Summary

► Chapter 1

Long ago in a land far away, there lived a barbarian king. He was not like other barbarian kings. He liked to think over problems and solved them himself. But anyone who disagreed with him would be killed. He observed and learned from other kings, though, and one thing he saw was the arena. In it, men and animals killed each other. He found it interesting, so he had one built for his people.

► Chapter 2

Unlike other arenas, the barbarian king's arena was not used for sport but for criminals. All criminals went in there to see if they were guilty or innocent. In the arena were two doors. Behind one door was a hungry tiger. Behind the other was a beautiful lady. The criminal had to choose one door, but he did not know what was behind it.

► Chapter 3

Before the trial, the king sent his men everywhere to find a mean, hungry tiger and a beautiful lady. They were put in separate rooms behind the two doors at the trial. If the man picked the door with the tiger, he would be torn to pieces by the animal. If he opened the door with the lady, then a priest would marry them. It did not matter if the man was married or in love with someone else. The barbarian king did not care. The trial showed everyone if the man was innocent or guilty.

► Chapter 4

The king found out that his daughter was in love with a soldier. He was very angry, and he put the man in jail. Then he sent his men to find the meanest tiger and the most beautiful lady for the trial. It was very clever of the king. If the man picked the tiger, he would be killed. If he picked the beautiful lady, he would have to marry her and could not marry the princess. Either way, the problem was solved.

► Chapter 5

On the day of the trial, when the soldier walked into the arena, everyone was surprised at how very handsome and strong he was. He walked to the middle of the arena and then turned to look up at the princess. She knew what was behind each door, and she moved her arm to secretly show him which one to choose. The man turned and walked across the arena to the door on the right.

► Chapter 6

What did the barbarian princess's sign mean? It's not an easy question to answer. She knew where the tiger and the lady were behind the doors. She also knew who the lady was, and she hated her. The girl was very beautiful, and the princess's lover knew her, too. Did the princess want to see her lover torn apart by a tiger? Or did she want to see him married to another woman? For many days before the trial, she thought about this problem. Then she made her choice. She sent her lover to the door on the right.

► Chapter 7

Torn between sadness and jealousy, what did the princess choose for her lover? She could not have the man. Who should have him? Which do you think came out of the door—the lady or the tiger?

B. Background and Themes

★ **Jealousy:** The princess was very jealous of the girl behind the door in the arena. Certainly, she did not want her lover to marry the girl.

★ **Love:** Since the question is not answered, we will never find out how much the princess really loved the soldier. We can guess, though, that since it took her so long to decide, she must have not loved him enough to save his life.

★ **Justice:** The king had a strange idea that justice was by chance, not by circumstances.

Answer Key

Part A Story Focus

Before You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Introduction

1. Frank R. Stockton wrote it.
2. It is often found in books with famous American short stories.
3. It is sometimes used when a problem seems to have no good solution.

► Characters

1. The King: powerful, cruel
2. The Princess: clever, jealous
3. The Man: strong, handsome
4. The Lady: young, beautiful

While You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Chapter 1

A. Preview Questions

1. He is a king.
2. I think it took place long ago.
3. The king of Spain has this job today.

B. Review Questions

1. He lived long ago in a land far away.
2. They were killed.
3. He built an arena.

► Chapter 2

A. Preview Questions

1. He is in the arena.
2. I think there are men or animals.
3. I think he will fight.

B. Review Questions

1. His arena was not for sport.
2. It was for criminals.
3. Behind one door was a hungry tiger, and behind the other was a beautiful lady.

► Chapter 3

A. Preview Questions

1. I think they are in the arena behind the doors.
2. I think they are waiting for the criminal to choose.
3. I think she will go outside if the criminal chooses her.

B. Review Questions

1. He had to find a tiger.
2. He had to find a beautiful lady.
3. He had to marry the lady behind the door.

► Chapter 4

A. Preview Questions

1. They are the king and a girl.
2. He looks angry.
3. I think she is begging the king not to hurt someone.

B. Review Questions

1. She loved a soldier.
2. He was mad about this.
3. He decided to have a trial for the soldier.

► Chapter 5

A. Preview Questions

1. A trial is on for the soldier.
2. I think she is going to help the soldier.
3. I think he will choose the correct door with the princess's help.

B. Review Questions

1. They were surprised because the man was very handsome and strong.
2. She knew where the tiger and the lady were.
3. He chose the door on the right.

► Chapter 6

A. Preview Questions

1. I think it is the princess's lover and another girl.
2. I think it is the princess.
3. The princess is not happy. The other woman looks happy.

B. Review Questions

1. She knew which door she was at and who she was.
2. She hated her.
3. She cried, yelled, and hit the wall.

► Chapter 7

A. Preview Questions

1. She feels sad.
2. She is going to lose her lover.

3. I think the door on the right has the tiger.

B. Review Questions

1. We have to know a lot about the heart.
2. They were the fires of sadness and jealousy.
3. They are confusing.

Mini Quiz

- a. As you make your bed, so you must lie upon it.
→ We have to live with the consequences of the decisions we make.
- b. Cleanliness is next to godliness.
→ Keeping clean is very important.
- c. Hard work never did anyone any harm.
→ A person cannot be harmed by working hard.

After You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Pattern Practice

4. A: I like to paint pictures.

B: Really? I do, too.

5. A: People like to read this story.

B: I can see why.

► Challenge

1. A lady and a tiger are behind the guard.

2. They are going into rooms at the arena.

3. They are going there because there will be a trial.

4. A criminal will open the door and find them there.

Part B Skill Focus

Vocabulary Preview

A.

Across

4. solved 6. marry 7. trial 8. wife

Down

1. criminal 2. jealousy 3. guilty 5. disagree

B.

1. arena 2. barbarian
3. cage 4. dead
5. information 6. priest
7. jail

Reading Comprehension

► Beginning: Chapters 1–2

A.

1. T 2. F 3. T 4. T 5. F

B.

1. He is the king.
2. He is a barbarian.
3. They do not disagree with him.
4. He built an arena for his people.

C.

1. a 2. d 3. c 4. b 5. c 6. c

► Middle: Chapters 3–4

A.

1. T 2. T 3. F 4. F 5. T

B.

1. The king
2. The lady
3. The princess
4. The soldier

C.

1. a 2. c 3. b 4. a 5. c 6. d

► End: Chapters 5–7

A.

1. T 2. F 3. T 4. T 5. F

B.

a → c → b → d

C.

1. c 2. a 3. d 4. c 5. b 6. d

Think and Write

Main Idea: man on trial

Event 1: chooses tiger

Detail 1: tiger is hungry

Detail 2: tiger eats man

Detail 3: ladies cry

Event 2: chooses lady

Detail 1: man marries lady

Detail 2: man is happy

Detail 3: crowd cheers

Vocabulary Review

1. Long ago in a land far away there **lived** a barbarian king.
2. The princess **gave** the soldier a small sign.
3. There **were** blankets on the wall so no sound could get out.
4. The king's arena was not **built** for sport.
5. The king thought **that** the arena was very interesting.
6. The king was **angry** that his daughter's lover was not a prince.
7. The king **was** clever and he solved all his problems.
8. If the criminal chose the lady, then a priest **married them**.
9. The tiger had to be meaner and **hungrier** than any other tiger.
10. Everyone **was** surprised because the soldier was handsome and strong.

Summary

A.

c, a, b, e, f, d

B.

1. The king was mad that his daughter loved a soldier.
2. The princess gave a sign to the man.
3. The man went to the door on the right.

Book Report

Story 1. argue 2. arena 3. soldier 4. clever 5. choice