

Before-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answers.*
- 2 *Reader's own answers.*
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During-reading questions

SUNDIATA THE LION KING

- 1 A fortune teller
- 2 She gives him two very strong walking sticks.
- 3 Because he wants to be king. He does not want Sundiata to be king.
- 4 He is a sorcerer, and he is strong because of magic.
- 5 He changes into a bird and flies up into the sky.

YENNENGA AND THE MOSSI KINGDOM

- 1 She rides and trains her horse.
- 2 She learns to use a sword and a bow and arrow.
- 3 Because Yennenga wants to stop fighting and look after her people.
- 4 A warrior friend comes to the prison because he wants to help Yennenga.
- 5 A hunter called Riale
- 6 Ouedragogo

ROSTAM AND HIS HORSE RAKHSH

- 1 Because he is an old man.
- 2 A sheep
- 3 The witch wants to put him in prison. She wants to hear him sing every day.
- 4 Because he is hungry and wants to eat the crops. The farmer, Olad, stops him.
- 5 He wants Rostam to bring him the White Demon's blood. Because he wants to see again.
- 6 He changes into a mountain.

SHAKUNTALA AND THE GOLD RING

- 1 She sees a deer. She stands in front of it and talks to the hunter.
- 2 She wants her son to be the next king. She wants some beautiful clothes. She wants to marry today.
- 3 A wise man called Durvasa comes to visit. He puts a curse on Shakuntala.
- 4 **Model answer:** "Oh, no! Where is the gold ring? It isn't here!"
- 5 The fish eats the gold ring.
- 6 **Model answer:** Because the boy is very brave and says, "One day I'll be the king of this forest!"

After-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answers.*
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- 3 **Model answer:** Yes, they are kind. Sundiata looks after his mother and does not want to leave her. He also goes to help his people. Yennenga often looks after young children and older people, and she wants to help her people. Rostam goes into battle because his father cannot. He also offers the witch some food, and he helps King Kavus. Shakuntala helps the deer in the forest. She also offers the wise man food and drink and says sorry to him.
- 4 *Reader's own answer.*

Exercises

SUNDIATA THE LION KING

- 1 Konaté is the king of the Manding **kingdom** in Africa.
- 2 Dankaran goes to see a **sorcerer**.
- 3 Sundiata wants to **win** the game at King Mansa's palace.
- 4 Sundiata is strong and **brave**.
- 5 Sumanguru's father lives in a **cave**.

- 2 Sundiata ¹**lived** (live) in Manding, in Africa. One day, his father King Konaté ²**died** (die). Because Sundiata's brother Dankaran wanted ³ **to be** (be) the next king, he planned ⁴ **to kill** (kill) Sundiata. But Sundiata ⁵ **left** (leave) Manding. Years later, Sundiata ⁶ **came** (come) to Manding and ⁷ **fought** (fight) the sorcerer Sumanguru. Sundiata ⁸ **won** (win) the fight and was then the new king.

YENNENGA AND THE MOSSI KINGDOM

- 3 1 false
2 true
3 false
4 true
5 false
- 4 1 Yennenga is a **better** (good) rider than her brothers.
2 On her horse, Yennenga can go as **fast** (fast) as the wind.
3 Yennenga is the **fastest** (fast) rider in the Dagbon Kingdom.
4 Yennenga is **stronger** (strong) than her brothers.
5 King Nedega's sons are not as **kind** (kind) as Yennenga.

ROSTAM AND HIS HORSE RAKHSH

- 5 1 b 2 c 3 a 4 c
- 6 1 The White Demon puts King Kavus **in** prison.
2 Rostam thanks God **for** the food they are going to eat.
3 After many hours of walking, Rostam and Rakhsh arrive **at** a farm.
4 The demon king changes **into** a mountain.
5 Rostam hits the mountain **with** his axe.

SHAKUNTALA AND THE GOLD RING

- 7 1 c 2 b 3 a 4 g
5 e 6 d 7 f
- 8 1 **Who** wants to kill the deer?
Dushyanta wants to kill the deer.
2 **How** many things does Shakuntala ask Dushyanta for?
She asks for three things.
3 **Where** does King Dushyanta live?
He lives in Hastinapura.
4 **Why** is the wise man Durvasa angry with Shakuntala?
Because she did not hear him and help him.
5 **What** does Shakuntala teach her son, Bharatha, to be?
She teaches him to be a prince.

Project work

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