

Egyptian Cinderella

Reading Comprehension

These questions are based on the book 'The Egyptian Cinderella' by Shirley Climo.

1. What is the difference between the colour of the River Nile and the colour of the Mediterranean Sea? (1 mark)

2. Where was Rhodopis born? (1 mark)

3. Write three ways in which Rhodopis is different from the other servant girls. (3 marks)

4. How do the servant girls feel about Rhodopis? Find two pieces of evidence from the text that support your answer. (3 marks)

5. Find and copy a phrase that shows Rhodopis was crying when Horus took her slippers. (1 mark)

6. Which three places did the Pharaoh visit on his journey to find the owner of the slipper? (2 marks)

7. Match the words from the story to their closest synonym.

maiden

din

spite

jeer

rushes

decree

pronounced

hurt

order

unmarried girl

noise

announced

grasses

taunt

8. Match the character with the correct characteristic. (3 marks)

Rhodopis

Horus

the servants

Amasis

sneaky

cruel

determined

hard-working

9. In the text it says 'Rhodopis always hurried to do their bidding', what do you think 'bidding' means? Use the text to help you. (1 mark)

10. What do you think the moral of this story is? (2 marks)



ANSWERS

1. What is the difference between the colour of the River Nile and the colour of the Mediterranean Sea? (1 mark)

The colour of the River Nile is green and the sea is blue.

2. Where was Rhodopis born? (1 mark)

She was born in Greece.

3. Write three ways in which Rhodopis is different from the other servant girls. (3 marks)

The servant girls have straight hair and Rhodopis has tangled/curly hair.

They have tanned copper skin and Rhodopis has pale skin.

They have brown eyes and Rhodopis has green eyes.

4. How do the servant girls feel about Rhodopis? Find two pieces of evidence from the text that support your answer. (3 marks)

They do not like her because she is different. They teased her and called her names and bossed her about.

Various evidence: for example "Rosy Rhodopis", "Mend my clothes".

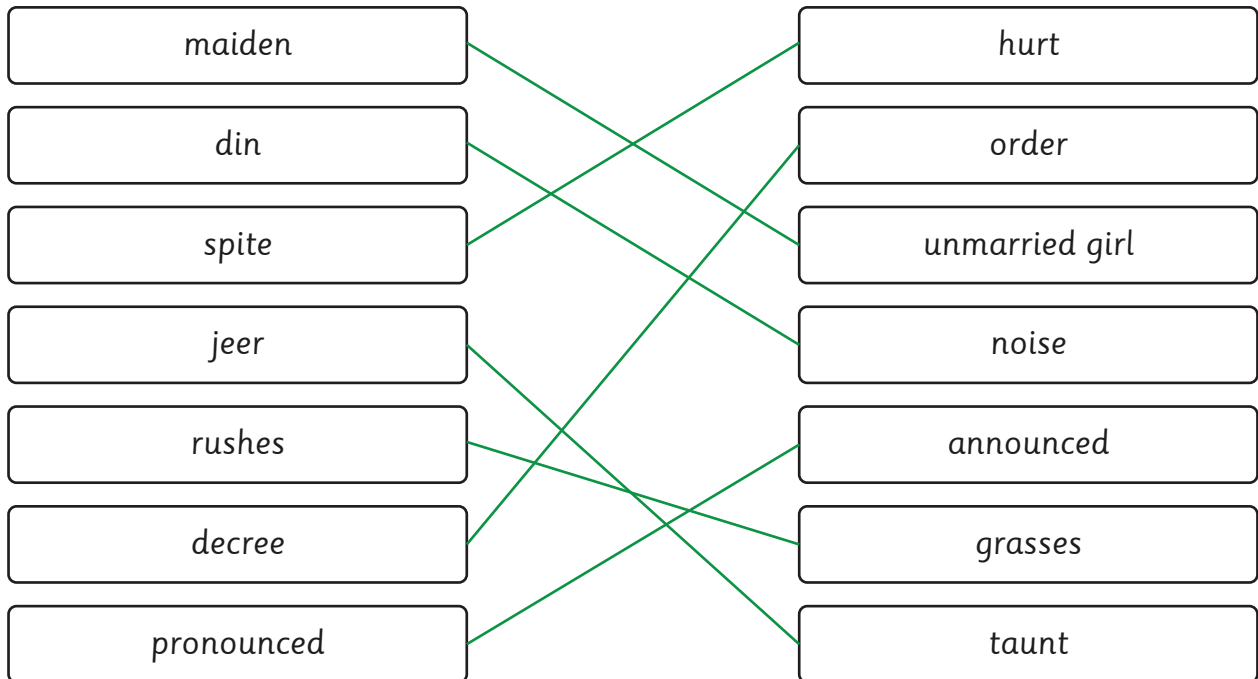
5. Find and copy a phrase that shows Rhodopis was crying when Horus took her slippers. (1 mark)

"salting the river with her tears"

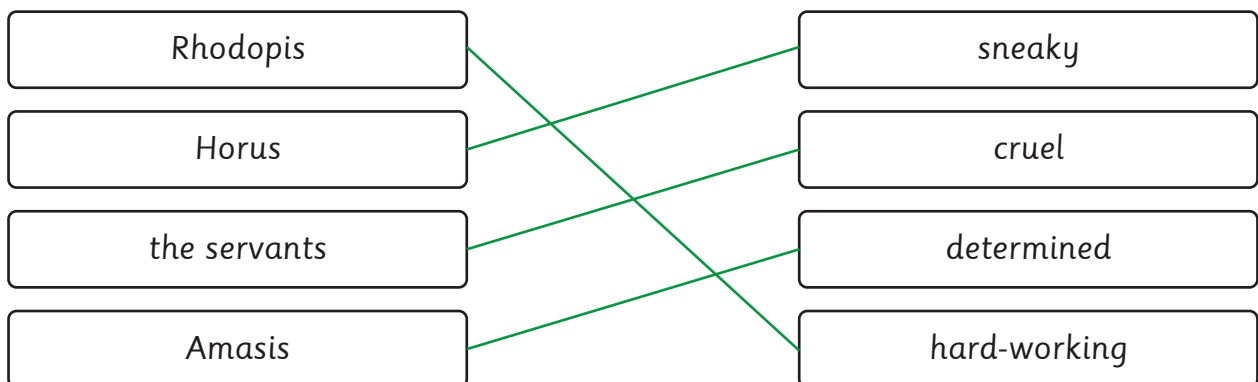
6. Which three places did the Pharaoh visit on his journey to find the owner of the slipper? (2 marks)

Amasis visited the desert, distant cities and the steep cliffs.

7. Match the words from the story to their closest synonym.



8. Match the character with the correct characteristic. (3 marks)



9. In the text it says 'Rhodopis always hurried to do their bidding', what do you think 'bidding' means? Use the text to help you. (1 mark)

Bidding means orders so this means that she hurried to do the chores they had ordered her to do.

10. What do you think the moral of this story is? (2 marks)

To not judge someone or treat them differently because of the way they look.
That good things will come to those who are kind and hard-working.