

Marcus and the Amazons

Activity Guide

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Summary: After traveling through the forest, Marcus returns to his home and discovers that Amazons have enslaved his colony and imprisoned Princess Amy, his bride-to-be. With the help of his friends from the forest, Marcus must save Princess Amy and rally his colony to stand against the Amazons. But during his stay in the forest, Marcus has also renounced violence. Will Marcus succeed?

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First, thank you for your support. My work depends on readers like you, who are willing to share their enthusiasm with others.

Marcus represents the best qualities that I try to live by and I hope he will inspire you to do the same.

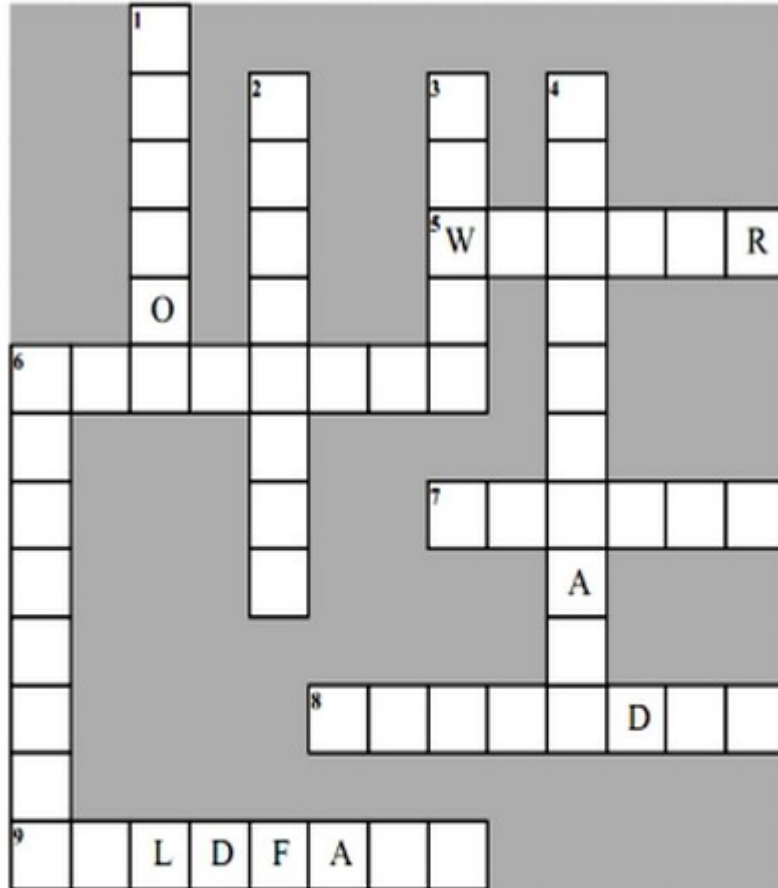
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Crossword Puzzle

Marcus and the Amazons

Complete the crossword puzzle.



Across

- 5 What is the name of the aphid?
- 6 What is the name of the princess's best friend?
- 7 What is the name of the wasp?
- 8 What is the name of the sweet drink that aphids make?
- 9 What is the name of the dragon in the hero's story?

Down

- 1 What is the name of hero's younger brother?
- 2 What is the name of the hero's tribe?
- 3 What is the name of the prison where the princess is held?
- 4 What is the name of the evil captain? (3 words)
- 6 What is the name of the hero's teacher?

Matching Words

Amazons	Formicas	Tower	forest
Clarence	fireflies	Jennifer	Herood
Ashton	Honeydew	Agent 800	Walter
Jeremiah	Bull O Grady	Queen Victoria	Marcus
Princess Amy	Deuce	Nancy	aphid

Matching

Match each definition with a word.

1. _____ What is the name of the wasp?
2. _____ What is the name of the hero's younger brother?
3. _____ What is the name of the place where Marcus meets his friends?
4. _____ What is the name of the princess?
5. _____ What is the name of Marcus's teacher?
6. _____ What is the name of the aphid?
7. _____ What is the name that the Amazon queen gives to the hero's betrayer?
8. _____ What is the name of the hero's older brother?
9. _____ What is the name of the Amazon captain?
10. _____ What is the name of the hero?
11. _____ What is the name of the hero's enemies?
12. _____ What is the name of the queen?
13. _____ What is the name of the liquid produced by aphids?
14. _____ What is the name of the hero's tribe?
15. _____ What is the name of the spider?
16. _____ What is the name of the place where the princess is imprisoned?
17. _____ What is the name of the princess's best friend?
18. _____ What insects are spies for the hero's enemies?
19. _____ What is the name of the elder?
20. _____ What is the name for the insects that make honeydew?

Questions

1. What are some of the plants mentioned in the story?
2. What are fungi farms?
3. Why did Marcus go into the forest?
4. What are the names of the insects that Marcus meets in the forest? Can you guess where they are from?
5. How did Marcus's father die?
6. What is Marcus's nickname?
7. Marcus meets an elder in the fifth chapter. What is the elder's name?
8. How do Amazon ants in nature spread "propaganda"?
9. How do the Formicas show cooperation and competition among themselves?
10. What is the connection between the story of "Holdfast" and Clarence?
11. What is an unjust law? Can you think of any unjust laws that exist in our society?
12. Who is Marcus Garvey?
13. How is Marcus's life similar to Marcus Garvey's life? How is it different?
14. Who is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.?
15. Compare the Civil Rights Movement led by Dr. Martin Luther King with Marcus's Freedom March.
16. Why does Clarence betray Marcus? Did Clarence do the right thing?
17. How is *Marcus and the Amazons* similar to other stories you have read? How is it different?
18. What is the significance of the following character's names?

Marcus

Princess Amy

Queen Victoria

Agent 800

19. According to Marcus, what is the difference between living and surviving? Do you agree with him?

20. What is the significance of the ***Adinkra symbols** on the characters?

* **Adinkra** are visual symbols, originally created by the Akan of Ghana and the Gyaman of Cote d'Ivoire in West Africa, that represent ideas or proverbs.

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Marcus Garvey

<http://www.marcusgarvey.com/>

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<http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/USAgarvey.htm>

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/garvey/>

<http://www.biography.com/articles/Marcus-Garvey-9307319>

<http://www.international.ucla.edu/africa/mgpp/>

<http://www.marcusgarvey.net/Information/history.htm>

Civil Rights

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<http://civilrightsteaching.org/morelessons>

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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