

River God

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A Before Reading

- 1 The story is set in Ancient Egypt. We can see this from the style of the picture and the clothes that the woman is wearing. There are also Egyptian hieroglyphics (picture writing) above the woman's hands. The woman is wearing a head dress so perhaps she is rich.
- 2 Taita: is a slave in Egypt. He is the slave of the Lord Intef. He is thirty years old when the story starts. His job is to protect Lostris.
Lostris: is the daughter of Lord Intef. She is fifteen years old and very beautiful.
Tanus: is the commander of a galley which is being rowed by the soldiers of Pharaoh Mamose, King of Egypt. Tanus is a fine young man and the friend of Taita.

They are all going on a hippopotamus hunt.

B While Reading

- 3 Sample captions:
 - a 5 Lostris sat next to her new husband, the Pharaoh Mamose.
 - b 4 On the stage Tanus and Rasfer fought each other.
 - c 2 Taita helped Lostris and Tanus out of the River Nile.
 - d 3 Lord Intef was eating a meal in the palace garden.
 - e 1 Two rows of soldiers pulled the galley along.
- 4
 - a Taita finds Tanus.
 - b Intef believes that Tanus has been killed.
 - c Tanus's soldiers dress as women.
 - d Tanus and his men destroy the Shrikes.
 - e Taita makes Lostris well again.
 - f Lostris and Tanus meet again.
 - g Tanus names the man who is Akh-Seth.
 - h Lostris's son is born.
 - i The Egyptians fight the Hyksos.
 - j Pharaoh Mamose dies.
- 5 Student's own answer. Sensible guesses would be that the Egyptians have to fight the Hyksos again and that the Egyptians now have the technology to enable them to defeat the Hyksos. Students could consider how the Egyptian people will feel after years of living under Hyksos rule; they might suggest that the Egyptians are bitter that the royal family fled to Cush and left their people to suffer under the

Hyksos and so will not help them. Students know that Lostris has 'lost all joy in living' (page 89) since the death of Tanus and could suggest that Lostris reaches Thebes and dies, or fails to reach Thebes and dies. They might suggest that Taita dies also.

C After Reading

6 Student's own answer.

7 Student's own answer.