

ATALANTA'S RACE

Pre Reading Sentence Starters



Complete each of the following sentence starters. These are not questions. There is no right or wrong way to complete each sentence. However, complete each sentence with a minimum of 10 words. Be prepared to share your sentences with others after reading *The Story of Atalanta's Race*.

1. To be best in all the land brings with it _____

2. "Pride goeth before a fall" means _____

3. Taking chances without considering the consequences _____

4. When too many enter a contest _____

5. Knowing that in a race one will always come in first _____

6. Distracting your opponent is fair when _____

7. When it seems that all is lost _____

8. A beautiful face is less important than _____

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Tell the story using the "I Have/Who Has?" Game. Cut apart and distribute cards (one to a player.) The person holding the card with (*) reads the question on his or her card. The person holding the answer reads the answer followed by the question on his or her card.

<p>I HAVE: The king approved the marriage of Atalanta and Hippomenes and gave them many gifts.</p> <p>****</p> <p>WHO HAS: For what skill was Atalanta known?</p>	<p>I HAVE: Atalanta tried to persuade Hippomenes not to race for she was sure he would lose.</p> <p>WHO HAS: What visitor did Hippomenes have that night?</p>
<p>I HAVE: Atalanta was so fleet of foot that none could beat her in a race.</p> <p>WHO HAS: What did her father, the king, decree to lessen the number of youths who came to race Atalanta?</p>	<p>I HAVE: Hippomenes was visited by the goddess Aphrodite who gave him three golden apples.</p> <p>WHO HAS: What did Hippomenes do when Atalanta got far ahead of him in the race?</p>
<p>I HAVE: The king decreed that anyone who lost the race with Atalanta would be put to death.</p> <p>WHO HAS: After seeing many young men lose the race, what did Hippomenes do?</p>	<p>I HAVE: He threw three golden apples. She lost time as she stopped to pick each one up.</p> <p>WHO HAS: What was the outcome of the race?</p>
<p>I HAVE: Hippomenes told the king that he could beat Atalanta and challenged her to a race.</p> <p>WHO HAS: How did Atalanta react to this challenge?</p>	<p>I HAVE: Hippomenes won the race.</p> <p>WHO HAS: How did the king react to this win?</p>



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A Re-Write Challenge



Re-write the following sentences, keeping the same meaning. Do not use any word in your sentences that contains the letter a.

Example: None would she marry except the one who ran past her in the race.

Re-written: None would she wed except the one who moved swiftly on foot to precede her to the finish line.

1. The law said that the youth who lost the race would lose his life.

2. Atalanta raced far ahead of the youths who had started with her.

3. She passed the last goal mark.

4. The wreath of gold was put upon her head.

5. She bent down to fasten the sandals on her feet.

6. Hippomenes held three shining apples in his hand.

7. The attendants raised him up as the people cheered.

8. The king gave his daughter's hand in marriage to Hippomenes.

Objectives 3, 4, 8