

- 1) What is the meaning of the word exotic in the first sentence?
 - a. Exciting to feel
 - b. From far away
 - c. Warm and comfy
 - d. From an animal

- 2) An **idiom** is a phrase or expression whose meaning can't be understood from the ordinary meanings of the words in it. What idiom does the writer use meaning that he felt nervous?
- 3) In the first sentence of the second paragraph, what two contrasting adjectives are used to show the response of the author and his brother?
- 4) Why do you think that the author finds himself on his own?
- 5) What simile is used in paragraph 3?
- 6) How does the writer link mother's scream to her attack on the barbarian?
- 7) In what order do the following happen?
 - a. Mother kills a barbarian
 - b. The author hides
 - c. The author hears a hiss
 - d. Cato wakes up
 - e. The author hears the cry of wild animals
 - f. The slaves are killed
- 8) What do you think will happen next in the story?