

Deepening Understanding

YR 4 Historical Narrative Text

This set of questions is based upon the text 'Ancient Olympics Adventure' by Laura Curtis.

Q1

Write the part of the *first sentence* which shows how Alexius is feeling.

1 Mark

Q2

Draw lines to match the name of the character to their character trait.

Alexius

trusted

Hector

majestic

Pollux

ambitious and hopeful

Zeus

conceited

1 Mark



Q3

Do you think Pollux is a vain character?
Tick yes or no and then explain your answer.

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Yes

☐

No

Explain why!

2 Marks

Q4

Looking at the quote below, explain how Alexius felt about the race.

'He barely heard, immersed in those few tense moments before a race - where a second felt like forever - but he could feel the electric energy of his supporters as they cheered his name.'

2 Marks



Q5

How many people were taking part in the race?

1 Mark

Q6

What effect does the use of short sentences in the sixth paragraph have on you as a reader?

'The signal had been given. The race had started! They were off!'

2 Marks



Q7

Use the numbers 1-5 to order the events from the race as they happened in the text.

A bolt flew out from a chariot's wheel.

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Pollox led the pack.

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Alexius flicked his reins.

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The stick-thin man lost control of his chariot.

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The shorter competitor was to Alexius' right.

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1 Mark

Q8

Circle all of the phrases that show the horses were moving quickly.

burst into action

his eyelids flashing open

it was going to be tight!

careered in perfect unison

1 Mark



Q9

In the *eleventh* paragraph, what does the phrase '*held firm*' mean?

holding the reins

hold stiffly in position

moving quickly

shouting loudly

1 Mark

Q10

Using the context of the text, make a sensible prediction about what might happen next if there was a sequel.

1 Mark

