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I Survived The Destruction of Pompeii, AD 79

Novel Activities

Part 1: Summarizing and Visualization - On another sheet of paper, draw a visual picture and write a 1-2 sentence summary for each chapter.

Part 2: Context Clues - Use the context clues to figure out each underlined word.

1. Pg. 6- The guests would lounge on silken couches and gorge themselves until they threw up...and then, their stomachs empty, they would eat more.

Gorge means _____

Words I used to figure out its meaning were _____

Part of speech _____

2. Pg. 83- Marcus clutched Tata's hand. He felt as though they were caught in a stampede of terrified animals.

Clutched means _____

Words I used to figure out its meaning were _____

Part of speech _____

3. Pg.12 - She was a beggar, it seemed, her tunic stained and tattered, her bare feet crusted with sores.

Tattered means _____

Words I used to figure out its meaning were _____

Part of speech _____

Part 3: Figurative Language- Fill in the chart below using your book.

Page	Simile/Metaphor	What 2 things are being compared?	What is the author trying to say when she uses the simile/metaphor?
12	Passerby stepped around her (old woman) as if she were a heap of trash.		
25	He imagined the slaves who'd been working in the villa for years. Their bodies were crooked and scarred, their eyes dead like statues.		
27			
35			

Page	Simile/Metaphor	What 2 things are being compared?	What is the author trying to say/show when she uses the simile/metaphor?
56			
67			
73			

Part 4: Character Traits - Give evidence to prove each trait listed below.

Character	Page	Character Trait	Evidence
Marcus	Page 13	Giving	
Lanista	Pages 23-25	Mean	
Marcus and Tata	Page 63	Brave	
Marcus	87	Caring	

Part 5: What would you do?

In chapter 11, Tata said they should head into the town of Pompeii to warn the people that Mount Vesuvius was going to erupt and cause major damage to their town. Marcus initially does not want to go anywhere near the wretched city. What would you do if you were Marcus? Explain your answer.

In chapter 16, Marcus and Tata discover a trap door. The problem is that the path is dark, and they don't know whether it leads out of the city or not. If you were in their situation, what would you do? Explain your answer.

Part 6: Pictures and Meanings

Every chapter shows a picture of a gladiator's helmet. Why do you think the author used this visual at the start of every chapter?
