Reading Questions: Prompt Sheet

Romulus and Remus

Reading Questions and Answers

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Where is the story set?

• The story is set in Alba Longa in Italy.

When is the story set?

 The story is set a long time ago in ancient times.

Why did Amulius force Rhea to become a Vestal Virgin?

 Amulius forced Rhea to become a Vestal Virgin so she couldn't marry and have a son who might overthrow him.

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Who did Rhea fall in love with?

• Rhea fell in love with Mars, the God of War.

What does the word 'wrath' mean?

• The word 'wrath' means strong anger.

What are the names of the characters in the story so far?

• The names of the characters in the story so far are Numitor, Amulius and Rhea Silvia. The babies haven't been given names yet.

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What does the word 'compassionate' mean?

• The word 'compassionate' means caring.

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What does the word 'turbulent' mean?

• The word 'turbulent' means rough.

What time of day did the shepherd find the twin boys?

• The shepherd found the boys at night time.



Deeper Reading

Do you think these events really happened? Use the text to justify your answer.

 Example answer: It isn't likely that wild animals would look after babies and help them to get food because the wild animals would not be able to care for them or may hurt them.

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Can you think of any stories that have similar events?

• Example answers: Stories that have similar events are 'The Jungle Book' where wolves looked after Mowgli and the biblical story of Moses being put in a basket on the river to be kept safe.

