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A Reading Guide

For the Book by Eloise Jarvis McGraw

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How to Use This Reading Guide

This book is part of the Logos Press homeschool curriculum, and was developed by teachers at Logos School, the flagship Christian Classical school located in Moscow, Idaho.

“Exploring Egypt” and “Vocabulary” Sections

This section includes vocabulary words and particular aspects of the Egyptian culture for students to explore. Dictionaries and encyclopedias are great tools for these questions, helping students familiarize themselves with researching small questions about the book's setting. Once the student has his bearings through using encyclopedias and dictionaries, the book itself becomes more relevant and easier to relate to and understand. The importance of these questions is more process-centered than grading-centered, meaning that the point of these projects is to get the students comfortable with dictionaries and encyclopedias, rather than keep them comfortable simply answering the question correctly. Grading of these questions may vary, and it is up to the teacher to determine how much a student deserves, based on his or her thoroughness (within reasonable restrictions) of researching to the project.

About the Author

Eloise Jarvis McGraw
1915 –2000

Mrs. McGraw began writing at the age of eight, shortly after her family moved to Oklahoma City from her native state of Texas. Her first novel was published in 1950, and a steady stream of books for children and adults followed, including *Moccasin Trail* and *The Golden Goblet*, both of which were Newberry Honor books. One of her last books, *The Moorchild*, written in 1996, also received the Newberry Honor award. She was married for 59 years to William Corgin McGraw and had two children. Her final years were spent in Oswego Lake, Oregon.

Comprehension Questions

Chapter 1

VOCABULARY

- ingot
- annealing
- sibilant
- adder
- crucible
- amulet

1. Why can't Ranofer be apprenticed?
2. Gebu never drank wine. What did he do with wine instead of drinking it?
3. What does Rekh the goldsmith say about the missing gold?
4. At the end of the chapter, what does Ranofer decide to do about his suspicions concerning the missing gold?

Answers to the Comprehension Questions

Chapter 1

1. Because his brother Gebu did not wish it.
2. Poured it out on the pavement.
3. It is not because of bad scales but from someone in the shop.
4. He decides not to tell Rekh yet that he suspects his brother Gebu and Ibni the Babylonian are taking the gold.

Chapter 2

1. One noisily jocular, one ferociously quiet.
2. Gebu says he knows nothing of this stolen gold.
3. Gebu strikes and insults Ranofer. Ranofer wants freedom from his brother.

Chapter 3

1. Heqet, the apprentice from Rekh's shop
2. Heqet the apprentice and Meryra the older worker
3. Fashioning gold leaves for a woman's necklace
4. The stone-cutter shop

Chapter 4

1. Goes to his father's grave, offers some of his meager food, and thanks his father.
2. To tell Rakh that his brother Gebu has been stealing the gold by means of the wineskins.
3. Gebu is drunk and he gives Ranofer some money, quite unexpectedly.