

This section covers chapters 1-5 introduces Demarcus Jones as a character, his troubles in school and his discovery of the Solar Calendar.

- 1. Why do you think Demarcus gets in trouble at school?
- 2.Do you think his punishment is fair/appropriate? Why/Why not?
- 3.Do you think his friend's punishment is fair/appropriate? Why/Why not?
- 4. Why do you think Demarcus was shocked by his friend's comment?
- 5. How do you think his mom felt about Demarcus's day?
- 6. Why do you think Demarcus doesn't know much about Black history before slavery?
- 7. Where do you think the Solar Calendar came from?
- 8. Why do you think Demarcus is afraid of General Barca?
- 9. Why was it important for Khart Haddas to keep control of the Mediterranean Sea?
- 10. Why do you think the Solar Calendar seems like a movie/dream?
- 11. Why did General Barca show Demarcus their fight with the Romans?
- 12. Why do you think there are years before year one?
- 13. Why did the cave men fight against General Barca's army?
- 14. Why do you think General Barca had elephants in his army?
- 15. Why was Demarcus both scared and excited about using the Solar Calendar?
- 16. Why do you think General Barca had his own money?
- 17.Do you think it was smart for Demarcus to hesitate using the Solar Calendar again?
- 18. What did General Barca mean when he said Demarcus's energy brought him there?



19. Why is it important for the reader to know about General Barca?

