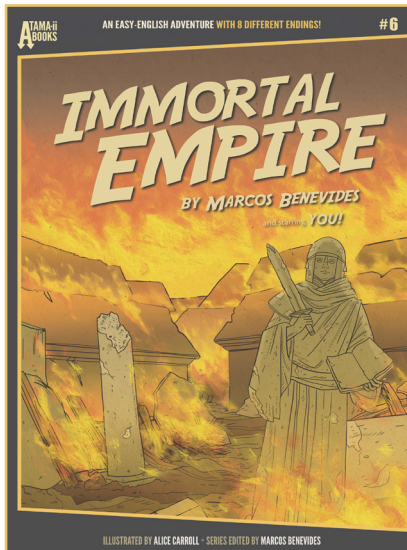
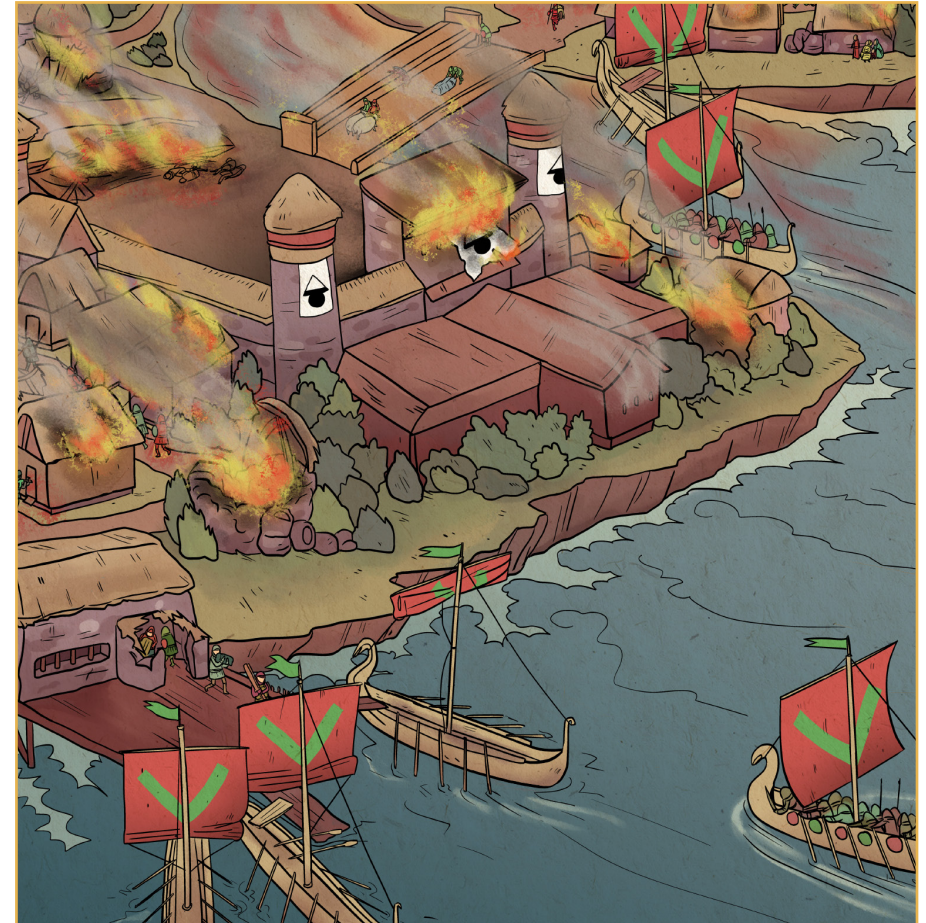


BEFORE READING



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Look at the picture. Can you describe three things in it?

Next, learn the story keywords



KEYWORDS

Learn these important words before you read the story.
They will help you to read more smoothly.

destroy (v.) to damage something completely

empire (n.) a group of states or people that are controlled by a single ruler

explorer (n.) a person whose job is to discover and learn about new or unfamiliar places

factory (n.) a building where goods are made, often by machine

god (n.) in literature, a supernatural and superhuman being who is immortal

goods (n.) useful items which are bought and sold in trade

immortal (adj.) living forever; never dying

natives (n.) people who are born in a certain place

peaceful (adj.) to be in peace; calm; not war-like

queen (n.) the female ruler of a state, often by family right

revolution (n.) to change a ruler or system of power, often by force

KEYWORDS



scientist (n.) a person whose job is to study the natural world

sink (v.) to fall below the surface of something, usually water

tool (n.) something used to do a certain kind of work

university (n.) an advanced level school, often specializing in arts and sciences

warrior (n.) a person whose job is to fight in wars; a soldier

wise (adj.) knowing many things; having good judgement

Next, read the story

AFTER READING

EXTENSION QUESTIONS

Reading a good story can make you think about new things. Talk about these questions with your friends or teacher, or find out more online. Not all questions have a clear or simple answer!

1. In this story, Edin is called an 'empire'. What is the difference between an 'empire', a 'civilization', a 'country', and a 'nation'?
2. What are the oldest empires in the world that still survive today? How old are they? How did they survive for so long?
3. What do you know about long-ago empires such as the Romans, the Maya, and the Egyptians? Why do some empires die off?
4. In one of the endings, Edin changes from being ruled by a queen to being a democracy. What is good and bad about this?
5. In the story, Edin builds a wall to protect itself. Do you know about the Great Wall of China? What do you know about it?
6. In the story, there is a workers' revolution. In the real world, this idea comes from Karl Marx. What do you know about Marx?
7. In the story, a scientist is killed because of her ideas. Did this ever happen in world history? Can you find some examples?
8. In the story, you speak to people in their dreams. In the real world, what are some famous ideas that people had in dreams?
9. In the story, you are immortal. What would it be like to really be immortal? Is it possible that humans could one day live forever?
10. If you could change only one real historical event in the past, what would it be? How would it change the future?

BOOK REVIEW



1. Did you enjoy this story? Why or why not?

2. Who are the main characters? Can you describe them?

3. Where does the story take place? Can you describe it?

4. Which ending did you like the most? Why did you like it?

5. Which ending didn't you like? Why didn't you like it?

STORY MAP

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