

The Time of the Lion

1. Why is ROAR written in capital letter?
 - Because it is loud/mighty
 - To highlight/show/emphasise its noise ...
2. What does thunderclap suggest about the lion's roar? That it is: Tick one
 - Annoying
 - **Distinctive**
 - Important
3. 'Jo saw the sun racing towards him'. Why is this metaphor effective?

Because the lion's head is yellow like the sun and as it charges its mane would flare out just as the sun's rays do.
4. The lion could harm Joseph and Joseph could harm its cubs.
 - a) What did the lion say he could do?

Knock him down and toss him to his family for tea.
 - b) How did Joseph reply?

He could send his father with guns and spears.
5. The two of them struck up a special friendship. Find two things that show this.

They rested together / lion walk Jo back to his village / the lion's side protected Joseph / the lion wanted to keep Joseph safe / Joseph and the lion played together / Joseph didn't tell his father about the lions.
6. Match up each statement.

Joseph heard the lion roar	In the cool of the day
Joseph met up with the lion	One night
The traders returned	Every noon-time
More precious than gold is	The Time of the Lion
7. The lion compared keeping his pride safe to what?

Joseph's father keeping his family safe.
8. What words suggest a turning point in the story?

Then the traders came.

9. How do you think Joseph feels at this point? Write down some of his thoughts (in 1st person).
- I'm horrified, so scared for the lion and his pride. He told me man, was more dangerous than any other animal and now here they are wanting to take his cubs. He's trusted me so far – I won't betray him – I should warn him before it's too late.
10. 'He saw his father running easy as a cheetah'. What does easy as a cheetah tell you about how his father ran?
- Very quickly and effortlessly (both need a mention)
11. His father was running 'back to the village'. What does the word **back** suggest about what the father had done?
- That he had gone to the lion's den to take the cubs and keep them safe & he was returning to the village to hide them before the traders returned.
12. There is a happy ending. As a boy, Joseph's father was the lion's friend and he too learned to trust and treasure the lion's pride which is why he saved the cubs because the lion kept Joseph safe.

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The time of day plays an important part in the story. Explain why:

Night time, in the darkness when it is quieter was the first time Joseph became aware of the king of the savannah's mighty roar. This made him want to discover more. Later, when Joseph thought his father had betrayed the lion, Joseph went to warn him at night when the village slept.

Noon-time was when Joseph visited the lion, got to know his pride ... cubs, lioness and spent time playing with his family. This is a time when the special friendship grew.

Broad daylight is when the traders came with their guns & money to barter for goods and hunt for the lion cubs. This creates a feeling of dread that the lions would be exposed and easier to see and catch.

The happy ending takes place at night where Joseph's father and the lions are revealed and the expression "Time of the Lion" is used to refer to their life being precious & shouldn't be under THREAT!!