

Answer Key

Interrupted Journey

1. eyelid
2. teenager
3. self-respect
4. twenty-five
5. wading pool
6. question mark
7. watermelon
8. seashell
9. fingernail

The Great Serum Race

10. dwelling
11. ballot
12. kingdom
13. banner
14. barren
15. fabric
16. pumpkin
17. funnel
18. wallet

Reading

19. C
20. D
21. B
22. A
23. D
24. A
25. C
26. B
27. A
28. C
29. B
30. B

Reading

31. A
32. A
33. B
34. C
35. D
36. C
37. B

38. A

39. C

40. B

41. A

42. D

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43. B

44. B

45. C

46. C

47. C

48. Zeus, the ruler of the gods, did not want to offend Hades or Persephone. He did not agree to the marriage but did not forbid it, leading to the events that unfolded.

49. Persephone could return to her mother if she had not eaten anything in the underworld. As she had eaten pomegranate seeds, she must spend part of the year in the underworld, leading to the seasons.

50. Demeter's anger and sadness at Persephone's abduction led her to cause all plants to stop growing, putting people in danger of starvation.

51. Persephone's time in the underworld corresponds to winter when Demeter is sad, and plants do not grow. Her return marks the arrival of spring, and plants begin to grow again.

52. The myth reflects an attempt to explain the cyclical changes in seasons through storytelling and the attribution of natural events to the actions and emotions of mythical figures, providing a cultural narrative for natural phenomena.

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53. C

54. A

55. C

- 56. C
- 57. C
- 58. Carthage became a center of industry, learning, and luxury, arguably the second greatest city of the Roman Empire.
- 59. No pages or lines of the great libraries of books in the Punic language remain.
- 60. The Greeks and Romans, who made war on Carthage, presented a biased picture, making it necessary to question the objectivity of historical accounts.
- 61. After the first war, Carthage became powerful; after the second, it became rich; and after the third, it vanished.
- 62. The passage emphasizes challenges such as biased historical accounts, the loss of the Punic language, and the reliance on external sources for information on Carthage, making it difficult to present an unbiased and complete history.