

The Scarlet Citadel (1933)

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DAY 1

Reading Assignment

Section I (beginning - p. 7)

Task 1

DIRECTIONS: As you read, make note of the following characters as they are introduced in the story. For each of the character, answer the clarifying question or questions following their name in complete sentences. You will use this activity to help you for a later assignment.

Example: Conan: Why is he fighting? What is he like?

Answer: Conan is fighting at the request of Amalrus of Ophir. He is a savage fighter who is angered by his betrayal.

Complete the rest on your own paper.

Conan of Cimmeria: What is his history prior to becoming king of Aquilonia?

Amalrus of Ophir: What is his connection to Conan? How did he betray him? What is his connection to Strambonus?

Strambonus of Koth: What is his connection to Conan? What is his connection to Amalrus?

Tsotha-lanti: What is his connection to Strambonus? Why is he the true ruler of Koth? What is his connection to Conan (what does he do to him)?

Arbanus: What is his connection to Strambonus? Where does he go?

Task 2

DIRECTIONS: For each days reading, summarize the action in no more than a paragraph. Remember: a summary only includes the most IMPORTANT events. Do NOT rewrite the story.

DAY 2

Reading Assignment

Section II - beginning of Section III (p. 7 - top of p. 14, paragraph ending "coasts of Kush")

Task 1

DIRECTIONS: As you read, make note of the following characters as they are introduced in the story. For each of the character, answer the clarifying question or questions following their name in complete sentences. You will use this activity to help you for a later assignment.

Arpello of Pellia: What is his connection to Conan? Why has he been chosen by Strambonus, Amalrus, and Tsoth-lanti?

Tsoth-lanti: What does he do with Conan?

Shukeli: Who is he? What is his connection to Tsoth-lanti?

Satha (the snake): What is his connection to Tsoth-lanti? How does Conan escape death at its hands?

Task 2

DIRECTIONS: For each days reading, summarize the action in no more than a paragraph. Remember: a summary only includes the most IMPORTANT events. Do NOT rewrite the story.

DAY 3

Reading Assignment

continuing Section III (top of p. 14, paragraph beginning "Long have I wished to meet you" - p. 19)

Task 1

DIRECTIONS: As you read, make note of the following characters as they are introduced in the story. For each of the character, answer the clarifying question or questions following their name in complete sentences. You will use this activity to help you for a later assignment.

the Kushite: What is his connection to Conan? Why is he so anxious to meet him?

Shukeli: What is his connection to Conan (what does he do to him)?

weeping creature: Why is Conan so repulsed by it?

Pelias (man held captive by the plant): What is his connection to Conan? What is his connection to Tsoth-lanti?

Task 2

DIRECTIONS: For each days reading, summarize the action in no more than a paragraph. Remember: a summary only includes the most IMPORTANT events. Do NOT rewrite the story.

DAY 4

Reading Assignment

finishing Section III (p. 20 - p. 26)

Task 1

DIRECTIONS: As you read, make note of the following characters as they are introduced in the story. For each of the character, answer the clarifying question or questions following their name in complete sentences. You will use this activity to help you for a later assignment.

Pelias: What is his connection to Tsoth-lanti? What is his connection to Satha? Why does he help Conan?

Tsotha's tunnels: What is their history?

Shukeli: What is his connection to Pelias?

Arpello of Pellia: What is his connection to Conan (what is he doing to his kingdom)?

"neither bird nor bat": What is its connection to Conan?

Task 2

DIRECTIONS: For each days reading, summarize the action in no more than a paragraph. Remember: a summary only includes the most IMPORTANT events. Do NOT rewrite the story.

DAY 5

Reading Assignment

beginning of Section IV (p. 26 - top of p. 31, paragraph ending "lion banner of Aquilonia floating over them")

Task 1

DIRECTIONS: As you read, make note of the following characters as they are introduced in the story. For each of the character, answer the clarifying question or questions following their name in complete sentences. You will use this activity to help you for a later assignment.

Count Trocero: What is his connection to Conan?

Arpello of Pellia: What is his connection to Trocero? What is his connection to Conan (what does he do to him)?

Task 2

DIRECTIONS: For each days reading, summarize the action in no more than a paragraph. Remember: a summary only includes the most IMPORTANT events. Do NOT rewrite the story.

DAY 6

Reading Assignment

finishing Section IV (top of p. 31, paragraph beginning "From the electrified watchers" - end)

Task 1

DIRECTIONS: As you read, make note of the following characters as they are introduced in the story. For each of the character, answer the clarifying question or questions following their name in complete sentences. You will use this activity to help you for a later assignment.

Conan and/or his army: What is his connection to Amulrus? What is his connection to Strambonus?

Tsotha-lanti: What is his connection to Conan? What is his connection to Pelias?

Task 2

DIRECTIONS: For each days reading, summarize the action in no more than a paragraph. Remember: a summary only includes the most IMPORTANT events. Do NOT rewrite the story.



