

'Eragon' Comprehension

Use the text to help you answer the questions below.

💡 If you see a light bulb next to the question, you will need to think about your own thoughts or opinions, based on what you have read.

1. What does the phrase a 'practiced eye' mean?

He has done this many times before and his eyes have had lots of practise.

2. Why did the edges of the cloud in the sky glow?

The light from the harvest moon, cradled between two peaks

3. What is Eragon's job? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

Eragon is a hunter. There is evidence in the text that suggests this, e.g. he had a hunting knife, bow and arrows and further in the text it says he was the only hunter that would come to this place.

4. What does the phrase 'boding ill' mean?

It means that they predicting something bad would happen.

5. Why is Eragon so certain he will catch the doe?

She was lame and therefore not able to run as fast as the others. He would be able to catch her more easily because of this.

6. What shocks the reader, as well as Eragon?

He has been so silent aiming for the doe with his bow and arrow, when suddenly an explosion 'shatters the night.'

💡 7. Why is it surprising that Eragon still attempts to shoot the doe, considering the events that are unfolding?

You would expect him to run and find somewhere safe to stay until he realised what was going on. Instead he still hopes to kill the doe so that he has something for the family's meals.

💡 8. Why does Eragon pick up the stone 'warily'?

He is unsure of what it is or where it has come from. He isn't sure if it will do something to him if he touches it, which is why he uses a stone.



9. What has Eragon learnt from the old stories?

To treat magic and those who used it with great caution.

10. *'At the very least, it will pay for some food.'* (p.8)

Why is this statement written in italics?

It something that Eragon is thinking so the author uses italics to make that clearer.

