

'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 is the fastest way out of the mountains?

The fastest way out of the mountains is using the rough game trail.

2. What does the author compare Palancar Valley to?

An unrolled map

💡 3. Why do you think Eragon grimaces at the descent down the mountain? (p.10)

Appropriate answers, e.g. He was probably worried about getting down the mountain safely - he may dislike heights or feel unsteady on his feet.

4. How do we know the butcher (Sloan) might not be a friendly character before he has even spoken? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

The author describes him as having a sallow, pockmarked face with suspicious black eyes.

5. How do the villagers make a living when the merchants come?

They would sell anything that was extra to what they needed, e.g. seeds, animals, fabrics and supplies like salt and sugar.

6. How does Sloan's attitude to Eragon change when he reveals he found the stone in the Spine?

He gets angry and demands that he leaves the shop.

7. How does Sloan feel about Horst? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

The text says that he shrank when he looked at Horst - this would suggest that he slightly scared of Horst and what he might do/say. He also licks his lips, which again suggests that he is nervous.

💡 8. What is Sloan's relationship with his daughter like? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

He seems to boss her about, as he demands that she leaves the shop as it is



none of her business. She looks angry about his decision so their relationship must be a difficult one.

9. How does Horst expect Eragon to pay back his debt?

By being his assistant

10. Is Garrow pleased with Eragon's purchase of meat? How do you know?

He shows a mixture of emotions. He is happy that there is food but he isn't happy about the fact that Horst gave Eragon the money to buy it. He doesn't want to be in anyone's debt and doesn't like people giving them things. He also doesn't know when Eragon is going to have the time to help Horst.

