



## Tales from Africa and Asia

This volume in the Tales Through Time series includes a West African story about the lion man; a Japanese legend about the Peach Boy and the ogres; and a Burmese tale about a hero who slays a dragon.

### What did you learn?

#### QUESTIONS

1. The Malinke people were part of the great Mali Empire in ...
  - a. The Middle East
  - b. Western Africa
  - c. Southeast Asia
  - d. Siberia
2. "The Captive Princess" was first a poem written by a poet named Valmiki, in ...
  - a. India
  - b. Kenya
  - c. China
  - d. South Africa
3. The story of "The Island of the Ogres" is probably older than ...
  - a. A hundred years
  - b. A thousand years
  - c. A hundred thousand years
  - d. A million years
4. Myanmar is also known as ...
  - a. Bermuda
  - b. Taiwan
  - c. Burma
  - d. Malaysia
5. In ancient Egyptian mythology, who was Amon?
6. Momotaro is the hero of a popular Japanese legend. What is he also known as?

#### TRUE OR FALSE?

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| _____ 1. Kambili's wife, the evil Kumba, was a skilled witch.  | _____ 4. Rama freed Sita from captivity with the help of his brother, the monkey hero, and the monkey warriors. |
| _____ 2. The evil lion-man only wants goat flesh.  | _____ 5. Momotaro brought riches back to his old grandma and grandpa, as he had promised.                       |
| _____ 3. Sita took up a handful of berries from inside the hut and reached out to put them in the old beggar's bowl. | _____ 6. Pauk Kyaing used all his mighty strength to strike a blow that sliced the dragon's head from its body. |



## ANSWERS

- 1. b. Western Africa.** According to section "The Terrible Lion-Man" on page 7, we know that "Long ago, the Malinke people were part of the great Mali Empire in western Africa." So, the correct answer is B.
- 2. a. India.** According to section "The Captive Princess" on page 19, we know that "The poem was written by a poet named Valmiki, in India, more than 2,000 years ago." So, the correct answer is A.
- 3. b. A thousand years.** According to section "The Island of the Ogres" on page 39, we know that "It was first written down more than a thousand years ago, but is probably even much older than that." So, the correct answer is B.
- 4. c. Burma.** According to section "The City Without a King" on page 51, we know that "Myanmar is also known as Burma." So, the correct answer is C.
- 5.** According to page 62, Amon was the chief god in ancient Egyptian mythology.
- 6.** According to page 68, Momotaro is also known as the Peach Boy.

## TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. False.** According to section "The Terrible Lion-Man" on page 8, we know that "Kambili's wife, the beautiful Kumba, could make such magic, for she was a skilled sorceress." So, the correct answer is False.
- 2. False.** According to section "The Terrible Lion-Man" on page 13, we know that "The evil lion-man would not eat a goat." So, the correct answer is False.
- 3. True.** According to section "The Captive Princess" on page 24, we know that "In pity, Sita took up a handful of berries from inside the hut and reached out to put them in the old beggar's bowl." So, the correct answer is True.
- 4. True.** According to section "The Captive Princess" on page 37, we know that "Thus, with the help of his brother Lakshmana, the monkey hero Hanuman, and the courageous monkey warriors of King Sugriva, did Rama free his wife, the beautiful Sita, from her captivity." So, the correct answer is True.
- 5. False.** According to section "The Island of the Ogres" on page 49, we know that "And so Momotaro, the Peach Boy, brought riches back to his old father and mother as he had promised." So, the correct answer is False.
- 6. True.** According to section "The City Without a King" on page 61, we know that "With all his mighty strength, he struck a blow that sliced the dragon's head from its body." So, the correct answer is True.