

IN THE SHADOW OF HEROES

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CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER RESOURCES

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Chapter	Comprehension Questions	Writing Opportunities	Cross Curricular Opportunities
Prologus	 What does this title mean? What are the symptoms of his illness? Why would he not want her to read the letter? What information might be inside it? Why does he need his slave to wear the chain? Why did Silvanus burn the scroll? 	Imagine what was written on the scroll and write your own version.	ART • Create an image of Silvanus and label with evidence. GEOGRAPHY • Create a map – where was the Roman empire? Label Athens and Rome.
1	 Why can't he open his own door? What makes his face go colourless? Why? Why would the emperor reward someone before they have done the work? What makes Bufo dislike Cadmus? 		LANGUAGES • Create a glossary of Latin words and names used in the book, which can be updated as you read. HISTORY • Research the Roman gods.
2	 How did Tullus know Cadmus had been listening? What are they searching for in the library? Who could be following them? Where could Tullus have disappeared to? 		DESIGN • Create a poster of Roman numerals.





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3	 Pick out some vocabulary and explain how it shows you how Cadmus feels in the Forum. Will Drusilla help? What makes you think this? What made Tullus lose interest? 	Rewrite a modern version of a Roman myth.	HISTORY • Compare a Roman and Greek myth.
4	 'Rome looked like embers of a dying fire' – what impression does this give you of the city? Is Bufo right not to let Cadmus in? Who do you think the girl is? What do you think the message means? 	Write your own character description of the new slave.	TECHNOLOGY • Create a 'wax tablet' with your own message inscribed on it.
5	 Do you think Tog and Cadmus can be friends? Why did Tog frown when Bufo started speaking? Do you think Bufo will get his revenge? How? 	Write a section of the chapter from Bufo's point of view.	TECHNOLOGY • Research and write up a Roman recipe that uses dormice.
6	 Do you think Cadmus believes in the myth? What about Tog? Why is Tog so concerned that the mouse gets a choice where he goes? Why did the note have to be secret? What do you think happens when you find the Golden Fleece? 	If Tullus could reply, what do you think he would say? Write a letter back to Silvanus.	
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7	 Why are the tombs next to a road? Where is Britannia? Why did the Romans think Rome was the 'beating heart of the world'? What has happened to Cadmus? 	Write a non-chronological report about Queen Boudicca.	ART • Create a sketch of the bust the notes were kept in.
8	 How do Cadmus and Tullus feel about being trapped? Why do they not want to help? Do you think they should? 	Write your own character description of the new slave.	DESIGN • Create your own map to find the Argonauts.
9	 What impression are we given of Nero? What do you think was sacrificed? How does Nero get people to do what he wants? Why did no one want to volunteer? 	Create a poster advertising Tog for Emperor Nero.	ART • Design a mosaic to represent Nero.
10	 Why did Nero want Tullus to 'perform'? Do you think Tullus likes Nero? Why won't he help Tog? Who does Nero think Cadmus is? How will the Golden Fleece help Tog? 	Write a paragraph based on what happened to Nero after Cadmus left the hall, in first person.	TECHNOLOGY • Design a menu for Nero.





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11	 Why is Subura a bad place to be? Which home do you think is Cadmus' real home? Why? Was Nero right to worry about Cadmus? What would your plan be, if you were in their shoes? 	Create a comic strip of Jason and the Golden Fleece.	
12	 What is fauna? Would you use spider webs on a cut? Explain why. Can the Romans and Tog's tribe both be right? Are they both barbarians, or both civilised? 		ART • Create detailed drawings of a spider web. MATHS • What shapes are in a spider web? What angles?
13	 What reaction did Tog have to her dream? Do you agree that Cadmus is selfish? Why did no one notice them as they boarded the ship? Was it right for Cadmus to trick Tog? What do you think Tog's reaction will be? 	Write a diary entry of the moment Tog finds out she has been tricked.	GEOGRAPHY • Create a map of the ship's journey.
14	 Should Tog and Cadmus take things from the ship's stock? Explain your reasoning. Will the soldiers believe he is the senator's son? Will Tog be found out? 	Create a balanced argument – was Cadmus' behaviour acceptable?	





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15	 If Cadmus has always been a slave, how does he know how to act? How is Tog's silence making Cadmus feel? Why has Tog left? Will they see each other again? 	Create a persuasive advert for a Roman baths.	DESIGN • Create a floor plan of some Roman baths.
16	 What do you think is happening in the abandoned building? What was a sacrifice? What were they used for? What evidence is there that she really does know who Cadmus is? Would you like to know <i>your</i> future? 		
17	 Are you surprised Nero came in person? Why? Was there any evidence before this that the fleece was a fake? What did the soothsayer make? Why has the author used italics for the oracle? 	Create a character description of the priestess. Write instructions for a Roman sacrifice.	
18	 How do you think Tog got caught? How will she feel about Cadmus buying her? Will Cadmus expect her to act as his slave? 		HISTORY • What coins were used in Roman times? Create examples using clay.





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 Why did the man make the fake fleece? How can they help each other? Why does he want the real one? How do you know Thaos has power? 	Create a non-chronological report about druids.	ART • Create an illustration of Britannia to accompany the book.
 Why was Cadmus surprised he missed Orthus? Were the group insulted that Nero has 'heroidai'? How do you know? Do you think Thaos should hate Eriopis because of her family? Should Cadmus betray Eriopis? 		HISTORY • Create a fact file about Zeus or Poseidon.
Why does Thaos ignore Cadmus' questions?Will they succeed in moving the boat?		
 What do the words 'secluded' and 'concealed' suggest about the quest they're going on? Is Tog enjoying her time with the heroidai? Do you believe you can be 'fearful' and 'fearless' at the same time? Do you agree with Tog about how heroes are made? 	Design your own hero and write a character description for them.	ART • Create an image of your hero.
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23	 Why did Cadmus choose to go with Tog? What decision would you have made? Where is 'Londinium'? 	Write a letter from Tog to her family now she's arrived back in Britannia.	GEOGRAPHY • Create a map of the UK as it was in Roman times.
24	 What was making Tog scared? Why did Tog's cousin join the army? What will Tog use the fleece for? 		ART • Design the Golden Fleece and use collaging to create it with texture.
25	 For what reason do they not follow the Roman roads? Will Cadmus attempt the trials to get the fleece? Will Tog wait for him to return? Find three pieces of evidence to back up your reasoning. 		PE • Using PE equipment, design your own trial for a hero to face to get the fleece.
26	 Are you surprised Cadmus didn't encounter anything in the first chambers? When Cadmus looks at her eyes, what does he realise? Where is the fleece? 	Write the story of Medea's life.	
27	 Do you think Cadmus feels like he has failed? Where has Tog gone? Is Tullus dangerous? 	Write a day in Cadmus' diary whilst aboard the Argo. Remember to include all the news he has just received!	





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28	 Why is Eriopis confused? Make a prediction: what do you think will happen in the rest of the chapter? Will Cadmus forgive Tullus? 		HISTORY • Create a family tree for Cadmus.
29	 Will the Argo save them? Do you think Thaos is a likeable character? Why have they not thrown Cadmus and his sister overboard? 	Write a day in Cadmus' diary whilst aboard the Argo. Remember to include all the news he has just received!	
30	 When Cadmus gives his instructions, what is he trying to do? How has Cadmus changed? Find a definition for 'ruminated'. What makes Cadmus worried? Do you think Tullus should be worried too? Will Cadmus keep his promise about the Golden Fleece? 	Write a set of instructions for the heroidai to get to the house.	
31	 Will Bufo be surprised to see Tullus? Whose voice has spoken? Why does Nero not believe he is being given the true fleece? What is Campus Martius? 		
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32	 How will Cadmus be feeling? What will Tog and Cadmus be expected to do? What decision will Tog make? Who would win, if they did fight? Why? Will the Argo save them? 	Research gladiators and write a non-chronological report.	DESIGN • Create a gladiator Top Trumps.
33	How much of the story was historically accurate?Why is Cadmus no longer calling Tullus 'master'?		
Epilogus	Who is the epilogue about?Why does it not use her name?		
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