

Reading answers

Monday

- 1) Summarise in a few key sentences who Robert the Bruce was and what this story tells you about him.

Hundreds of years ago Robert the Bruce was the King of Scotland. England kept trying to invade his country and they defeated Robert the Bruce Six times. On the last time, Robert the Bruce run away and hid in a cave. He met a spider who kept trying to spin a web across the cave and she failed six times. On the seventh time she was successful at spinning the web and this inspired Robert the Bruce to fight the King of England again. On his seventh try he defeated the King of England and took back Scotland's independence.

2)

<u>Word</u>		<u>Definition</u>
Foes		Running away from an enemy
Scattered		Enemy in war
arose		To get up from sleep or after lying down
retreat		To separate and go in different directions
Slender		Really thin

- 3) Write a sentence using two of the words you found the definition of above.

e.g.

As King Harold entered the battlefield in the distance he saw his **foe** William the Conqueror.

As I walked nosily into the woods the birds **scattered** in all different directions.

This morning I **arose** from my bed quickly.

After I threw a water balloon at my sister I **retreated** to my bedroom and hid from her.

The insect was so **slender** it could fit through the tiny gap in the wall.

Tuesday

- 1) Who was Robert the Bruce at war with?
The King of England
- 2) Why did Robert the Bruce hide in the woods and lonely mountains?
He was defeated by the King of England for the sixth time and his army scattered.
- 3) How many times did the spider try to spin her thread across the cave before she was successful?
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- 4) What made Robert the Bruce go back to fight against England?
When he was in the cave he saw the spider didn't give up until she spun the web successfully across the cave, so this gave him the inspiration to go back and try to win against the King of England.
- 5) Which country became independent?
Scotland

Wednesday

- 1) Read the following statements below and decide whether they are true or false. Put a tick in the correct column, one has been completed for you.

<u>Statement</u>	<u>True</u>	<u>False</u>
The King of Scotland ran away to hide.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robert the Bruce lived 10 years ago.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Robert the Bruce was defeated 6 times by the King of England.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robert the Bruce watched an ant spin a web in the cave.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Robert the Bruce won independence for Scotland.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2) The text uses the adjectives brave and wise to describe Robert the Bruce. What adjectives would you use to describe him?

They can choose any adjectives they think would describe the king. He started off as brave and wise but was he always like that? Examples of adjectives they could use are:

Courageous, knowledgeable, afraid, determined, leader, champion, fearful, nervous, fearless, adventurous, confident, independent, intelligent, weak, loyal.

Explain why you chose two of the adjectives above to describe Robert the Bruce. Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

The pupil should use what they have read to back up what they think about the king. Some examples are:

- I think Robert the Bruce was courageous because even though he run away after being defeated a sixth time, he went back and fought the king of England for a seventh time. Inspired by the spider he didn't give up and was successful.
- I think Robert the Bruce was weak because he got frightened and run away after the King of England beat him for a 6th time. He hid in the mountains and left the people of Scotland to defend themselves for a while.
- I think Robert the Bruce was determined because even though he got beaten by the King of England 6 times he still went back to fight them for a seventh time. He was inspired by the spider and become determined not to give up fighting the King of England until Scotland became independent again.

Thursday

Spiders Answers

1. What kind of animal are spiders?
Spiders are arachnids.
2. About how many species of spider are there?
There are about 40 000 species of spider.
3. Where in the world would you not find spiders?
Children's answers will vary. Accept answers that include reference to a part of the world where it snows a lot e.g. You would not find spiders in Antarctica; You would not find spiders in the Arctic; You would not find spiders in the polar regions etc.
4. What do spiders make to catch food?
Spiders make webs to trap their food.
5. Why is a Samoan moss spider not dangerous to people?
Samoan moss spiders are not dangerous to people as their fangs can't bite through skin.
6. What do spiders make their webs with?
Spiders make their webs by spinning silk.
7. Where could you find a Goliath bird-eating spider?
You would find the Goliath spider in the rainforest, in South America.
8. What piece of punctuation is the same size as a Samoan moss spider?
A Samoan moss spider is the same size as a full stop.