

## Chapter 5: Damon and Pythias

### Fill in the blanks

1. The story is set on the island of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Damon and Pythias were famous for their \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The king of Sicily was a cruel \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Pythias was arrested for speaking against the king's new \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The soldier warned Pythias that criticizing the king was a \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Pythias was sentenced to die in the \_\_\_\_\_ square.
7. Damon visited Pythias in \_\_\_\_\_ where he was imprisoned.
8. Pythias was worried about his \_\_\_\_\_ and sister after his death.
9. Damon promised to care for Pythias's family as if they were his \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Pythias needed \_\_\_\_\_ days to visit his family.
11. Damon offered to take Pythias's place in \_\_\_\_\_.
12. The king agreed to the exchange but said Pythias must return in \_\_\_\_\_.
13. If Pythias didn't return, \_\_\_\_\_ would die in his place.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ doubted Pythias would not return.
15. The king mocked Damon, calling him a \_\_\_\_\_.
16. On his journey back, Pythias was attacked by \_\_\_\_\_.
17. The robbers took Pythias's money and tied him to a \_\_\_\_\_.
18. Pythias struggled to free himself from the \_\_\_\_\_.
19. After escaping, Pythias traveled \_\_\_\_\_ without stopping.

20. On execution day, Damon's hands were tied behind his \_\_\_\_\_.
21. The execution was scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_.
22. The crowd became angry and demanded the friends' \_\_\_\_\_.
23. Pythias arrived just as the shadow reached the \_\_\_\_\_ mark.
24. Pythias thanked the \_\_\_\_\_ for arriving on time.
25. Damon said he would have died \_\_\_\_\_.
26. The crowd shouted "Set them \_\_\_\_\_!"
27. The king admitted he had never seen such \_\_\_\_\_.
28. The king said he would trade all his \_\_\_\_\_ for such a friend.
29. The story shows the power of true \_\_\_\_\_.
30. The king finally set both friends \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Multiple choice question

1. Why was Pythias arrested by the king's soldiers?
  - a) For stealing from the royal treasury
  - b) For speaking against the king's cruel laws
  - c) For helping Damon escape from prison
  - d) For refusing to pay taxes to the kingdom
2. What was Damon's extraordinary offer to the king?
  - a) To take Pythias's place in prison until his return
  - b) To pay a large ransom for Pythias's freedom
  - c) To become the king's personal advisor
  - d) To lead the king's army against rebels

3. What were the exact terms of the king's agreement with Damon?

- a) Pythias could visit his family if Damon paid 100 gold coins as security
- b) Pythias could leave if his mother came to prison as replacement until his return
- c) Damon would be imprisoned while Pythias arranged his affairs, returning by noon in two weeks
- d) Damon would serve as the king's slave permanently if Pythias didn't return

4. What misfortune befell Pythias on his return journey?

- a) He was attacked and robbed by thieves
- b) He got lost in the forest for several days
- c) He fell ill and couldn't travel
- d) His horse died and delayed him

5. How did the crowd react when Pythias returned just in time?

- a) They accused Pythias of being a coward
- b) They begged the king to punish them both
- c) They remained silent in fear of the king
- d) They demanded both friends be set free

6. What was the king's final decision about Damon and Pythias?

- a) He executed both as an example
- b) He set them both free
- c) He kept Damon as prisoner
- d) He banished them from Sicily

7. What did Damon mean when he said "I would have died for you gladly"?

- a) He was angry at Pythias for returning late
- b) He regretted making the promise to the king
- c) He was willing to sacrifice his life for friendship
- d) He didn't believe Pythias would return

8. Why did the king say he would trade all his wealth and power?

- a) To avoid rebellion in his kingdom
- b) For one true friend like Damon or Pythias
- c) To gain the people's forgiveness
- d) To become as wise as Lord Buddha

9. How did Pythias prove his honor at the end?

- a) By bringing gifts for the king
- b) By returning despite all obstacles
- c) By apologizing for his criticism
- d) By defeating the robbers

10. What lesson does the story primarily teach?

- a) The value of true friendship and loyalty
- b) The importance of obeying kings
- c) The need to fight against tyranny
- d) The danger of making promises

