

The Good Thieves



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Vocabulary Check

- as the boat crested a wave the
- the scandalised cry
- It's walls adorned with pictures
- It's facade arched
- protruded from its wall
- and Vita went tearing down the hall
- now he was gaunt and his eyes had drawn back

Quick Start

1. Where was Vita?
2. What was the city she saw at a distance?
3. What did she throw at the seagull?
4. Where were Vita and her mother going?
5. In what state did they find Grandpa?

Partnered Talk



Why do you think Grandpa calls Vita
'Rapscaillon'? Can you find clues from the text to
agree with him?

Individual Thinking



CHAPTER ONE

Vita set her jaw and nodded at the city in greeting, as a boxer greets an opponent before a fight.

She stood alone on the deck of the ship. The sea was wild and stormy, casting salt spray thirty feet into the air, and all the other passengers on the ocean liner, including her mother, had taken sensible refuge in their cabins.

But it is not always sensible to be sensible.

What is the impact of this opening on the reader?

Partnered Talk



*Vita's stomach clenched as she saw tears rise up
in her grandfather's eyes.*

What emotions would Vita be experiencing?

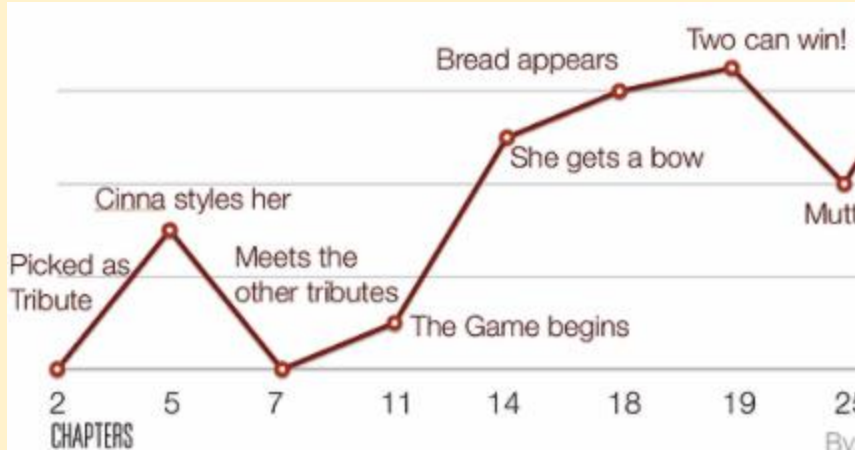
Individual Thinking



As close as we can get for that, please.

Why do you think she asked the driver to get them close to the address not the actual address?

Solo Work



Draw a character graph showing Vita's emotions during the first chapter.