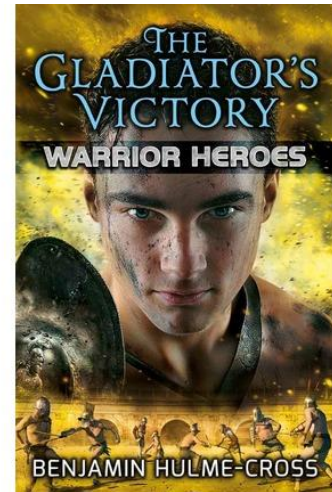Gladiator's Victory

Chapter 5

Read chapter 5

Think:

What has happened in the chapter?

- Arthur is called to spar with Ajax, who is a secutor (a stronger, more experienced fighter)
- Arthurs is nervous about sparring with Ajax because of his reputation and his intimidating appearance
- Lucius is confident that Ajax is in top condition and that Arthur might come to significant harm – he doesn't care
- Arthur and Ajax begin to spar but Ajax gains an advantage and Arthur believes he will kill him
- He takes drastic action and stabs Ajax in the foot
- As a consequence, Ajax will not be able to fight for Lucius
- In anger, Lucius demands that Arthur take Ajax's place in the arena the next day despite not being ready to fight
- Marcus, the warrior Finn and Arthur are in Rome to save, steers Arthur away and comforts him telling him that he is a 'smart fighter'
- Seeing Marcus, Arthur takes his opportunity to plant the seed about 'fighting for freedom'.

How did you do?

How many of the significant events did you record?

Give yourself a score out of 9.