Video Discussion Questions

“Behind the Scenes: Mountain of Doom”

Before Reading “Mountain of Doom”

1. In the first section of the video (0:10-0:48), what details help you understand why the eruption of Mount Vesuvius was such a terrible disaster? Consider the narration, sounds, and visuals.

2. Author Lauren Tarshis says that her favorite way to research is to travel to the place that she is writing about (1:11). Why might traveling to the place you are writing about be helpful to an author doing research for an article?

3. According to the video, what did archaeologists find when they dug up the city of Pompeii? Why were these discoveries important?

After Reading “Mountain of Doom”

4. Consider the questions Tarshis asks at 5:30 in the video. What point of view is the story written from? Why might Tarshis have written it this way?