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The Persian Puzzle*

Question # 1 What happened in Persia between the time of the Assyrians and the time of Abbas I?

Question # 2: How many empires ruled Persia in that time? Less than eight, or more than eight?

Question # 3: Who was Sir Robert Sherley and what did he do?

Question # 4: Why did Abbas build up Persia, rebuilding the trades of silk-making and carpet- weaving, and constructing a great port?

Question # 5: Why is it a good thing for a country to trade with other countries? Think about it—no need to write down an answer.

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The Ottoman Turks*

Question # 1 Who is Murad?

Question # 2: How did he rescue the Ottoman empire? Name five things he did.

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

Question # 3: What seems to have been Murad's favorite strategy for governing the Ottoman empire? Hint: it involved a sword.

Question # 4: Do you believe the stories told about Murad? Re-read p. 86. Do you really think he could pick up *two* grown men? Are these stories fact or fiction? Are they fact or myths?

Question # 4: At the end of chapter 8, Susan Wise Bauer states the following: "Murad's cruelty stopped the decay of the Ottoman empire" (p. 87). The sentence suggests Bauer thinks Murad's cruelty was a good thing, that it was a positive force. What do you think about that? (No need to write.)