

## Questions: Weight of the Crown

Weight of the Crown by Stephanie Jefferson

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1. Who is Princess Kandake worried about?
  - a. King Amani
  - b. Alara
  - c. Strong shadow
  - d. Great Mother
  
2. What does Tabiry ask Kandake to do?
  - a. Ask their father to make Shen leave the kingdom
  - b. Ask Ezena to leave the room
  - c. Share a meal with her
  - d. Ask Natasen to trade duties
  
3. Who has **not** come to visit Nubia from Aksum?
  - a. King Zoskales
  - b. Prince Gadarat
  - c. Prince Beygat
  - d. Prince Naqa
  
4. What does King Zoskales request of King Amani?
  - a. Increase trade along their border
  - b. Princess Kandake to marry Prince Beygat
  - c. Princess Kandake to marry Prince Gadarat
  - d. Princess Kandake visit Aksum
  
5. What does King Amani ask of Kandake?
  - a. To go to war with Aksum
  - b. To guard against invaders
  - c. To take his place on the throne
  - d. All of the above
  
6. What does Kandake fear will happen to her father?
  - a. He will not return to Nubia
  - b. He will die of his illness
  - c. The kingdom will be angry with him
  - d. He will be taken prisoner
  
7. Why does Kandake decide to accept Prince Gadarat as a suitor?
  - a. Because he is the crown prince of Aksum
  - b. Because she does not trust him

- c. Because her father told her to
  - d. Because Prince Gadarat is handsome
8. Why does Kandake spar with Gadarat?
- a. To prove that he is stronger
  - b. To enlist his help to rule Nubia
  - c. To show him that women are not weak
  - d. Because he has asked her to
9. What has Gadarat asked for should he win the sparring match?
- a. The land along the border to Aksum
  - b. The use of the frankincense groves for one year
  - c. Possession of the copper mines
  - d. All of the above
10. Why does Ezena want to go to Aksum?
- a. To visit her family
  - b. To see the kingdom
  - c. To bring her grandmother to Nubia
  - d. To speak to her aunt
11. Who does Prince Gadarat imprison?
- a. Kandake and Shen
  - b. Shen and Natasen
  - c. Amhara and Alara
  - d. Natasen and Amhara
12. Why does Prince Gadarat imprison them?
- a. Because they are spying for Nubia
  - b. Because they have stolen his property
  - c. Because he is jealous
  - d. Because Kandake asks him to
13. What does Kandake use to free Natasen and Amhara
- a. The gift Natasen gave her
  - b. The gift Amhara gave her
  - c. The gift from her father
  - d. A gift from her grandmother
14. Where does Gadarat attack Kandake?
- a. On the strand
  - b. In Aksum
  - c. In Nubia
  - d. In camp
15. How does King Zoskales stop his son from harming Kandake?

- a. He sends Gadarat to prison
  - b. He has a warrior of Aksum fight for Kandake
  - c. He has a warrior of Aksum shoot Gadarat with an arrow
  - d. He takes Kandake back to his palace.
16. Why did Kandake tie a lapis stone to Ezena's braid?
- a. As an ornament for her wedding
  - b. To mark her as a dear friend of the queen of Nubia
  - c. Because it is her favorite gemstone
  - d. All of the above
17. Why did King Zoskales offer King Amani a great gift?
- a. To buy land for his kingdom
  - b. To buy the frankincense groves
  - c. As an apology for his son's behavior
  - d. To trick King Amani
18. What did King Amani give to Aksum after Prince Gadarat promised peace during his reign?
- a. Land on the strand between the kingdoms
  - b. Two herds of goats
  - c. Use of the copper mines
  - d. Use of the frankincense groves
19. What does Princess Tabiry announce at the family meal?
- a. That she will become a warrior
  - b. That she will accept Shen as her friend
  - c. That she will leave the kingdom
  - d. That she will choose Shen as her husband
20. How does Kandake feel about the news her sister shares?
- a. She is excited
  - b. She is concerned
  - c. She disagrees with Tabiry
  - d. She will try to stop her

**ANSWERS**

1. **a.** Kandake is worried about King Amani
2. **a.** Tabiry wants Kandake ask their father to make Shen leave the kingdom
3. **d.** Prince Naqa has not come to visit from Aksum
4. **c.** Kandake to marry Prince Gadarat
5. **c.** King Amani asks Kandake to take his place on the throne
6. **b.** King Amani will die of is illness
7. **b.** Kandake accepts Gadarat as a suitor because she does not trust him and hopes to find out what he is after.
8. **c.** To show Gadarat that women are not weak
9. **b.** The use of the frankincense groves for one year
10. **c.** To bring her grandmother to Nubia
11. **d.** He imprisons Natasen and Amhara
12. **c.** He imprisons them because he is jealous
13. **b.** She uses the gift Amhara gave her
14. **a.** Gadarat attacks Kandake on the strand
15. **c.** King Zoskales has a warrior from Aksum shoot Gadarat with an arrow.
16. **b.** To mark Ezena as a dear friend of the queen
17. **c.** The gift was given as an apology for his son's behavior
18. **c.** King Amani gave Aksum the use of the copper mines
19. **d.** Tabiry announces that she will choose Shen as her husband
20. **a.** Kandake is excited that Tabiry has chosen Shen.