

Jr. Great books Reading Level #3

It's All The Fault of Adam p. 194

Read the Story and review the listed vocabulary:

Nigerian – Coming from Nigeria, a country in Africa

Destiny- two different definitions below:

-the unavoidable future; what will happen, no matter what anyone does.

-what finally happens as a result of the choices you yourself make and the things you do.

Prostrated - stretched out with one's face on the ground as a sign of humility and respect (like bowing)

piazza - a public square

Iru kere – A special white cows tail that the king holds before his mouth whenever he speaks, since it is considered unseemly for him to be seen opening his mouth in public.

Jerkin – a short, sleeveless coat

New words –

Notes: Note the places where Iyapo does something by choice, and places where he does something because he feels he has no choice.

Read the story a second time and answer the following questions:

1. Is a totally carefree life desirable? Why or why not? Think of 3 reasons.

2. Do you think there is anything undesirable about Iyapo's carefree life in the palace and is he content? Give reasons from the text why?

3. Why, in the end, is the king unable to help Iyapo?
