

Spring Tide by Mary Ray

Literature Guide

Chapter 1

1. What was Caer Taff? A fort
2. Who were the Deisi? Raiders planning to attack
3. What clues did Con, Fabius, and Julius see that pointed to an attack? 1) A rider on a horse was fast approaching, 2 men turned around after he passed, 2) Vinnie saw the soldiers hiding.

Chapter 2

1. What happened when the raiders broke through? They held them off until the soldiers arrived
2. What did Lavinia do to help? Threw a pot of bean soup at the attackers and scalded them

Chapter 3

1. Why were Brychan and Amphibalus on the road? They were traveling to their families
2. What happened to Amphibalus? He was injured in the raid
3. What did Fabius offer him? A job and place to stay for a month while Amphibalus healed

Chapter 4

1. Where did Brychan ask to sleep? In one of the stock yard houses not the main house
2. What was everyone concerned about? Con's father was talking, they had seen some other fast riders. Something was going on.
3. What did Brychan say that startled Fabius? He felt like he was home.

Chapter 5

1. What was Brychan's secret? He is a Christian and a priest
2. How did Brychan's conversion begin? By knowing of God's love for him
3. Why did Brychan say they could not offer sacrifices? Because it would be saying that Caesar was as important as God
4. Why weren't Con and Julius allowed to talk to Brychan? To keep them all from danger. Why did this bother them? He was exciting.

Chapter 6

1. What did Con and Julius spend their day off doing? Hanging out at the beach
2. What was Brychan's plan for leaving? By sea

Chapter 7

1. What news did Julius hear from his Father? Christians were hiding in town. The soldiers on the road were for the Christians not Deisi.
2. What excuse did Con use to tell Fabius? His arm needed checked
3. How did Brychan and Amphibalus sneak out? Con & Julius drove Julius's father's wagon with them hidden in the back
4. What troubles did they have? Rain, wagon wheel fell off

5. How did Albanus help Amphibalus? Hid him from the soldiers. Took his cloak and pretended he was Amphibalus.
6. How did Amphibalus interpret Albanus's death? That something important would be asked of him. God had a special purpose for him

Chapter 8

1. What happened to Con when he got home? His father was furious and knew he lied. He sent him to bed and would talk in the morning
2. How did Fabius help? He told Con's father the story
3. What did Con's Father threaten Con with? No protection from him if Con should talk to Brychan
4. What happened to Julius? His father beat him

Chapter 9

1. What was Con doing for the summer? Training with a legion
2. What news did Casca tell Con and his father? That the Emperor was stamping out the Christians
3. What did Julius's letter say? He was coming to Isca with his father
4. What news did Julius have? Brychan was arrested and Amphibals was dead
5. Where did they think Brychan was? At Isca

Chapter 10

1. What did Con find out about Brychan? That he was at the camp
2. What was their plan to help him escape? Put wasps in the room, help him during the procession to get back to Caer Taff
3. How did the plan work out? Good except Julius was lost

Chapter 11

1. What happened to Brychan? Con got him as far as the warehouse
2. What happened to Con? His father found out and was very angry
3. What happened to Julius? He was captured, interrogated, and put into prison
4. Who helped Brychan to escape? Aaron the Hebrew
5. Who helped Julius in prison? Aaron. How? He baptized him, told him how things were going to be

Chapter 12

1. How did Con and Brychan get back to Caer Taff? By boat
2. Where did Brychan hide? At Fabius's, Vinnie helped

Chapter 13

1. What happened when the guard searched Vinnie's room? The cat ran out of the storeroom and he was convinced no one was in there without checking
2. How did Brychan escape? Fabius helped him
3. What happened to Julius? Died before he told his name

Chapter 14

1. What news did Fabius have? Constantine was emperor, no more persecution of Christians
2. What do you expect will happen next?