

The Black Cat

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A Before Reading

- 1 Look at the picture on the front cover of the book. And read the back cover.
 - a) Which country is the story set in? How do you know? Give two reasons.
 - b) What is an archeologist? (You can use a dictionary or ask somebody.)
- 2 Look at the pictures on page 7. Write brief descriptions of three of the people.

B While Reading

- 3 Read Chapter 1. Guess what will happen next. Write the first paragraph of the next chapter.
- 4 Read to the end of Chapter 3. Here is the map from page 9.

- a) Make a cross (X) on the map to show where Salahadin is.
- b) Show where Salahadin goes during this story. Draw a coloured line on the map to show where he goes.
- c) Make a cross on the map each time he stops at a city.



- 5 The story of *The Black Cat* starts on Monday. What happens at these times in the story?

Day	Time	What happens?
Monday	11 am	
	7 pm	
	nearly midnight	
Tuesday	10.30 am	
	5 pm	
	6 pm	
Wednesday	10 pm	
	1 am	
	5 am	
	6 am	
	11 am	
	12.30 pm	
Thursday	5 pm	
	8.45 pm	
	11 am	
Friday	1 pm	
	10 am	
Saturday	morning	

C After Reading

- 6 a) Salahadin is interviewed on television about the Black Cat. Write a script (a play) of the interview.
or
b) Salahadin is interviewed on the radio. Write a script of the interview. Then make a tape recording of the interview.
- 7 You are Pearson, the archeologist. You found the Black Cat in the Valley of Zar. Write the story of finding the Black Cat. (Look at Pearson's notes on page 23 for some help.)

There is another story about Salahadin El Nur - it is called *The Queen of Death* (Intermediate Level).