

- 3 The aged king did his best to comfort the people. He sent word for help across all of Greece. **Expert** hunters and grim soldiers answered the call. The king, however, waited for his son, Meleager, to return. At last, the watchmen at the city walls saw Meleager and his friends **approaching**. On his way to the city, the king's son had seen the ruined farms and empty homes. From tough farmers who wouldn't leave their places, he learned about the curse of Artemis upon the land. Now the king's brave son entered the city with his friends. The citizens cheered as the group of twenty men marched into town. Then a **murmur** broke through the crowd. The people saw among those hard fighters a beautiful young woman. It was the huntress, Atalanta.

CITE EVIDENCE

C Descriptive words, such as adjectives, help readers understand characters. Circle each adjective in paragraph 3 that describes a character.

D A story can only move forward through characters' actions. Underline the action of the new characters in the story. How do you think the arrival of Meleager and his friends will change the story?

Comprehension Check

Why did the king forget Artemis and what was the result of his forgetfulness? Cite text evidence in your answer.

