

Reading Comprehension Worksheet

Read the passage. Then answer each question.

THE BOMB

Did you ever hear of King Charles the Twelfth of Sweden? He lived two hundred years ago and was famous for his courage in defending his country.

One day he was in the midst of a great battle. The small house in which he had taken shelter was almost between the two armies.

He called to one of his officers and bade him sit down and write a short order for him.

The officer began to write, but just as he finished the first word, a bomb came through the roof of the house and struck the floor close by him. He dropped the pen and sprang to his feet. He was pale with fear. "What is the matter?" asked the king.

"Oh, sir," he answered, "the bomb! the bomb!"

"Yes, I see," said the king. "But what has the bomb to do with what I wish you to write? Sit down, and take your pen. When your country is in danger, you should forget your own safety."

Answer the questions.

1. What country did King Charles rule?
2. What was King Charles famous for?
3. Why did the officer drop his pen?
4. What is the King trying to teach the officer?