

## Session 1: Reading (pages 4–18)

### Before Reading

Look at the characters on page 4 and discuss why these have been included at the beginning of the story.

### During Reading

Discuss the main question as children read to page 18.

Main question: **What is your opinion of Savitri as the story unfolds? (Y5 t2, Personal Response and Evaluation of Text)**

*Additional prompts to help you sample children's reading:*

Page 5:           What adjectives would you use to describe Savitri?

Pages 6–10:     How does the author build up tension here?

### After Reading

- Discuss the main question, ensuring that children base their opinions on details from the text.
- Discuss the key features of myths and identify which features are in this story.

**Follow-up:** children read pages 19–20 and then write a paragraph explaining what is meant by *'there would have been uproar had he met with an unfortunate "accident"'*.

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