

“Sundiata” and “Lion of Mali” Questions

“Sundiata”

What knowledge of human nature does Balla Fasseke reveal through his speeches?

Why do you think Sundiata has such a strong desire to be remembered by future generations? Support your conclusion with evidence from the selection.

“Lion of Mali”

What are two examples of similes from this excerpt? How do the illustrations reinforce the meaning of the similes?

In a graphic novel, characterization occurs in part through the drawings of the characters. Based on his illustrations, what feeling might Eisner intend the reader to have toward Sumanguru? Explain.

Refer to your Venn diagram. What are the similarities and differences between the two versions of Sundiata? What are the pros and cons of using a graphic novel structure to retell a legend? Support your conclusions.