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The Lion and the Rattlesnake



Worksheet · Grades 9+

Comprehension Questions

1. What was the man's intention when he encountered the lion?
2. How did the rattlesnake feel about its success in captivating the bird?
3. What does the lion mean when he says he has "never in all his varied experience in being subdued, seen a subduer try so earnestly to give it up"?
4. What lesson can be learned from the interaction between the man, the lion, and the rattlesnake?

Vocabulary Exercise

Match the words on the left with their definitions on the right.

Word	Definition
Subdue	A creature that strikes with a rattling sound
Rattlesnake	To bring under control or defeat
Victim	A person or animal that is harmed or killed
Countenance	The face; a person's expression

Writing/Reflection Task

Reflect on the story and write a few sentences about what you think the moral is. Why do you think this story is meaningful?

Your thoughts: