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1.5 Short Story Timeline

Key

Create a Timeline based on the important events in the short story “The Lady, or the Tiger” by Frank Stockton. You need to have at least 10 events in addition to an introduction and a conclusion.

1. Introduction: What does the author tell us in the introduction?
 - 1 Barbaric king a long time ago
 - 2 Crime was punished or virtue rewarded in the king’s arena
 - 3 Two doors (behind one = lady, behind the other = tiger): the accused had to open one of them
 - 4 Semi-barbaric method of administering justice
 - 5 This semi-barbaric king had a daughter whom he loved above all humanity
 - 6 She loved a young man of fine blood and lowness of station
2. Event 1: The king found out about the love affair
3. Event 2: The king threw the young man in prison and appointed a day for his trial in the arena
4. Event 3: They brought the most savage and relentless beasts to place behind the first door
5. Event 4: They brought a beautiful maiden to place behind the second door
6. Event 5: The appointed day arrived. From far and near the people gathered
7. Event 6: The signal was given. A door beneath the royal party opened, and the lover of the princess walked into the arena
8. Event 7: The princess was attending and had possessed herself of the secret of the doors
9. Event 8: She had seen, or imagined that she had seen, this fair creature throwing glances of admiration upon the person of her lover, and sometimes she thought these glances were perceived and even returned
10. Event 9: The princess hated that woman
11. Event 10: The lover realized the princess knew behind which door was the lady
12. Event 11: He asked the jealous princess which door to take
13. Event 12: She guided him to the door to the right
14. Conclusion: What does the author tell us in the conclusion?
 - 1 He tells us about the princess’s feelings
 - 2 He asks us to guess what was behind the door!