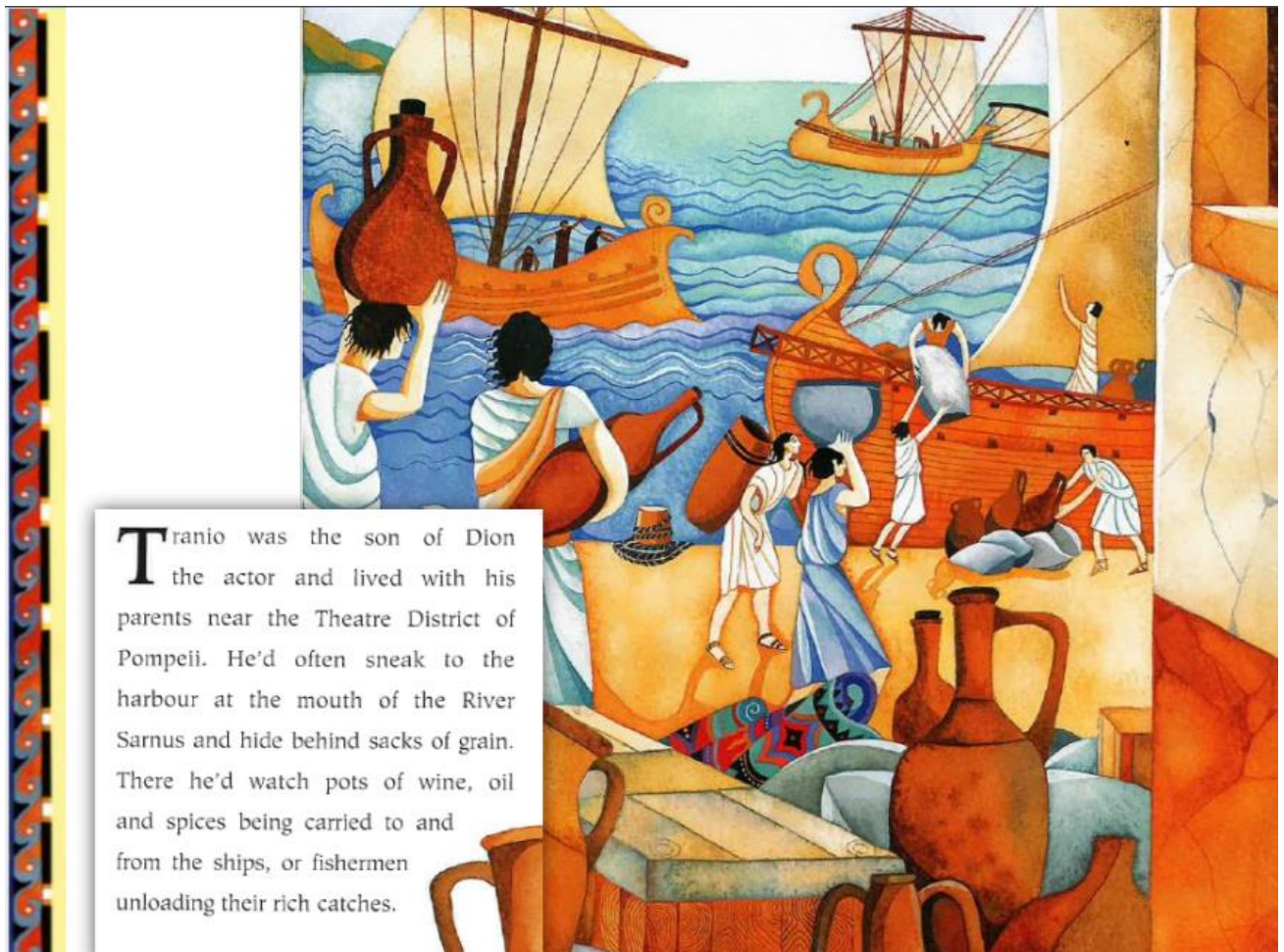


Shared reading Thursday 20th January 2021



Tranio was the son of Dion the actor and lived with his parents near the Theatre District of Pompeii. He'd often sneak to the harbour at the mouth of the River Sarnus and hide behind sacks of grain. There he'd watch pots of wine, oil and spices being carried to and from the ships, or fishermen unloading their rich catches.

Questions

1. Where did Tranio live?
2. Where is the harbour?
3. What does Christina Balit mean by 'rich catches'?
4. Why did Tranio hide behind the sacks of grain to watch the fisherman unload their produce?
5. Who bought the wine, oil and spices being carried to and from the ships? Do you think Tranio's family could afford to buy it?