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DRAGON MASTERS
RISE OF THE EARTH DRAGON

Questions and Activities

Look at the picture on top of page 10. How do you think Rori **FEELS about Drake?**

Why does Worm follow Drake through the tunnel even though **he warned Drake not to go?**

How does Worm **SAVE** the **Dragon Masters?**

Why do you think the Dragon Masters confess to Griffith that it was their idea to bring the dragons **outside?**

If you had a dragon, **what kind of special power would you want it to have? DRAW a picture of your dragon performing the special power.**

DRAGON MASTERS

SAVING THE SUN DRAGON

Questions and Activities

Name some similarities between the Dragon Masters and their dragons. For example, how is Bo similar to Shu?

What CAUSES Kepri to get sick?

Who are Heru and Wati? Why are they important?

Why does Drake LIE to King Roland on page 88?

Do you think Kepri belongs with Ana or with Wati? Why? Write about your opinion.

DRAGON MASTERS

SECRET OF THE WATER DRAGON

Questions and Activities

Look back at the words and pictures to find **CLUES** that something was bothering Bo.

Why does someone want to steal the Dragon Stone?

Look back at the words and pictures to **DESCRIBE** the Raven Guards.

What is Shu the Water Dragon's secret power?

Write a story about what might have happened in Diego's dream.

DRAGON MASTERS

POWER OF THE FIRE DRAGON

Questions and Activities

Why are only **TWO** of the dragons invited to Queen Rose's festival?

Why do you think Maldred is so interested in Worm? What might he do once Worm is under his control? Reread page 59 for clues.

How does Maldred control the dragons?

King Roland's voice is described as *booming* and *gruff*. Think of other similar **ADJECTIVES** to describe King Roland's voice. Use a dictionary or thesaurus for help!

Imagine you are the hydra's new Dragon Master. Write and draw pictures about your adventures. **SHARE** your story with a friend!