

ENGLISH

Guided Reading Answers The Time Machine

1. Identify two things that have become travel-worn

One of the ivory bars is cracked, a brass rail is bent.

2. How was the man feeling as he sat in the saddle?

Refer to the text in your answer.

The man is overcome with wonder at what will happen next. His feelings are likened to somebody about to pull the trigger of a pistol.

3. Summarise the events in the opening paragraph.

Where is the man? What is he trying to do? How is he trying to do it?

The man is in his workshop and he is trying to travel through time using a machine that he has built. This is proving to be difficult as the machine is travel-worn and some of the parts did not fit together correctly at first.

4. Explain how the scientist knew that he had actually travelled in time for the first time?

The scientist noticed that the time on the clock had changed from a minute past ten to nearly half-past three.

5. Underline a phrase in paragraph 2 which shows that darkness came quickly.

To-morrow night came black.

6. Based on the last few lines, what do you think is happening? Predict what you think is going to happen next.

The scientist appears to be fairly disorientated and we are told that a 'strange, dumb confusedness descended on [his] mind'. I think that the Time Machine might fail him as it has not been assembled correctly.