

War Horse

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Vocabulary Check

- I was not yet six months old, a gangling, leggy colt
- we were parted that day in the terrible hubbub of the auction ring
- in her fore and hind quarters
- were looking for a spindly-looking half-thoroughbred colt
- I caught my off foreleg as I tried to clamber over and was stranded
- I felt the halter slip over my head
- every twist and turn wrenched at my neck
- My one consolation was that



Quick Start

1. Where were the horses sold?
2. What did the owner and his friends do to the colt?
3. Where was the colt taken to and from?
4. What caused the pain in the colt's face?
5. What was the name of the horse who pulled the carriage?

Individual Thinking



From whose point of view is the story told?

She was sold within minutes, and before I could follow her through the gates, she was whisked out of the ring and away.

Which phrase suggests that the mother horse was desirable?

*I shall not call him my master, for only one man
was ever my master.*

**In your opinion, why did it matter to the colt
to call the owner an owner or a master?**

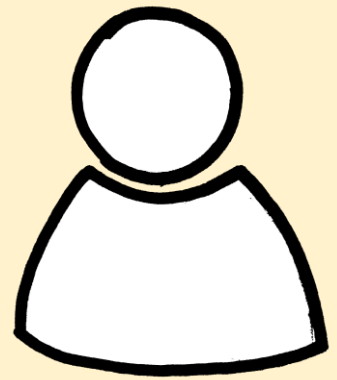
My one consolation as I was hauled into the stables that first evening was the knowledge that I was not alone.

How did the colt feel about not being alone in the stable? What word suggests this?

‘you’ll be eating out of my hand quick as a twick.’

What does the owner mean by the phrase
‘you’ll be eating out of my hand’?

Solo Work



Describe the colt's owner. Use evidence from the text to support your answer.