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## **Literary Appreciation: Predicting Outcomes**

## **Reading Activity: What will happen next?**

Read the passage below. Then answer the questions that follow.

It had been raining for the past few days. The nearby river and dam were swollen. The villagers expected the dam to burst at any moment. They knew that the village would be flooded.

Many of the villagers had moved out with their family members and belongings. The stubborn ones still stayed behind. They refused to move even after much persuasion by the authority.

That night, the dam burst while they were sleeping. The water flooded the village immediately. The villagers who had stayed behind were forced to climb on their rooftops to escape the flood water.

Several hours later, members of the police, army and Red Crescent Society arrived at the scene to rescue the villagers who were stranded in the flood. They were taken by boats to nearby relief centres. There, they were given food and dry clothes.

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After about a week, when the rain finally stopped and the flood subsided, the villagers returned home. They had a tough time cleaning up the mud and dirt from their houses.

## Questions:

- 1. What caused the flood?
- 2. Why did many villagers move out?
- 3. Who persuaded the villagers to move out?
- 4. Why do you think the some villagers refused to move out?
- 5. What did the stubborn villagers have to do when the flood arrived?
- 6. Who came to rescue them?
- 7. How did the village look after the flood subsided?