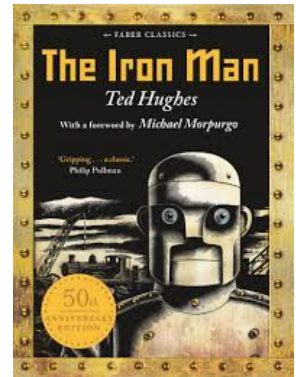


The Iron Man By Ted Hughes

Chapter 5: The Iron Man's Challenge



1. 'There was no time to be wasted.' Can you explain why?
2. Why did Ted Hughes describe the furnace that the Iron Man stretched himself out on as 'raging'?
3. The Iron Man and the space-bat-angel-dragon talk to each other a great deal towards the end. Why do you think there is so much talking?
4. What message do you think Ted Hughes is trying to send to his readers about fighting and war? How does he use his characters to do this?
5. How have your feelings about the Iron Man changed from the very beginning of the story?