Escape from Pompeii comprehension questions

1. How do you think Tranio and Livia felt: a) at the beginning of the story; and b) when they were on the boat looking back at Pompeii?
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2. What was the name given to Mt. Vesuvius prior to this eruption?
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3. Why did Tranio and Livia run towards the harbour?
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4. How did Tranio and Livia escape Pompeii?
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5. Why were Tranio and Livia not initially spotted by the captain?
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6. What three clues were there that Mt. Vesuvius was about to erupt?
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7. Can you list the key events in the story?

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1. How do you think Tranio and Livia felt at the beginning of the story; when they were on the boat looking back at Pompeii?
   - The beginning of the story: happy, content, safe
   - When they were on the boat: horrified, frightened, worried, anxious, relieved that they had left Pompeii though, looking back at it

2. What was the name given to Mt. Vesuvius prior to this eruption?
   - The gentle mountain

3. Why did Tranio and Livia run towards the harbour?
   - Because the dust was too thick in the city

4. How did Tranio and Livia escape Pompeii?
   - On a boat

5. Why were Tranio and Livia not initially spotted by the captain?
   - They were small and hidden in the carpets

6. Can you identify three clues that Mt. Vesuvius was about to erupt?
   - Earth tremors
   - Smoke coming the top of Mt. Vesuvius
   - The birds flying away from land

7. Can you list the key events in the story?
   - As a minimum there should be reference to: life before the eruption; the theatre; the earth tremor; the dust cloud; hiding on the boat; the boat leaving harbour; and looking back at Pompeii