

Detectives in Togas - Unit 2 (Ch. 5-8)

1. Why was the writing on the wall such an offense?
2. Why does Claudia no longer play with the boys?
3. At first, why do the boys have trouble believing that Rufus is innocent?
4. What clue did the burglar leave behind?
5. How did the citizens of ancient Rome receive the news of the day?
6. Why does the newspaper article put Rufus in danger?

deface	to spoil the way something looks by damaging it
scandalous	shameful
hastened	to move quickly
culprit	a person guilty of a crime
hypocritically	to pretend to be loyal, honest, or good
orator	a public speaker
hooligan	a trouble-making young person
sauntered	walked in a slow, relaxed manner without hurry
girth	the distance around something
nearsighted	able to see better up close than far away