TREASURE ISLAND

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This classic tale has intrigued readers for generations. After a sailor dies at their inn, Jim and his mother discover he had a treasure map. The squire, the doctor, and Jim decide to search for the treasure and make arrangements to get a boat and crew. They get a crew but become suspicious of them. Jim overhears a conversation and discovers that most of the crew is part of a pirate band and Long John Silver is their leader. When they arrive on the island where the treasure is suppose to be located, the pirates try to take over. Jim and his friends hold on at first while Long John Silver seems to change sides several times depending on who he thinks is winning. Jim and his friends are able to survive the island and return with the treasure, but Long John Silver escapes.
1. The captain that came to stay at the Admiral Benbow Inn seemed to have chosen it because:
   A. Lots of sailors stayed there
   B. It had been highly recommended
   C. Not many people came there

2. How did the doctor quiet down the captain?

3. Why wouldn't any of the people in the next village come to help Jim and his mother after the death of the captain?
   A. They didn't like Jim's family.
   B. They were afraid of pirates.
   C. It was not the custom to help.

4. Who saved Jim and his mother from the blind man and his group of men?
   A. The doctor
   B. The bartender
   C. The revenue man

5. How do you think Jim feels about leaving his mother and his home? Explain why you think that.

6. Why did Jim and the others believe it was a real treasure map? Use examples from the story to support your answer.
1. When Jim read about Long John Silver in the letter, what was his first fear about him?

2. Captain Smollet feared things weren’t quite right so he made some suggestions. Select the correct answer.
   A. To keep all their own men together and not tell anyone where the treasure map was, and to keep the guns and powder by them.
   B. To keep all their men together and get rid of Long John Silver.
   C. To move the gun powder to the far end of the ship so they wouldn’t be hurt if it blew up, and to have Jim be a look out for them.

3. When Jim was in the apple barrel what did he overhear?

4. Out of the 26 crewmen, how many could be counted on to be against the pirates, including Jim?

5. Do you think Jim is afraid? Support your answer using examples from the story.

6. If you were on a ship like Jim’s for a long time, what would you miss the most? Explain your answer.
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1. Who was already on the island that Jim happened to meet?

2. Why did Jim and his friends have to wade ashore?

3. Circle the event, which happened first?
   A. The return of Jim Hawkins
   B. The doctor writing in his log
   C. Flying the British colors over the stockade

4. What is a mutineer?

5. Why didn't Ben Gunn want to go with Jim to the stockade and meet his friends?

6. If you were on the island with Jim, describe how you would feel about Long John Silver.
1. Where did Jim want to take the Hispaniola?
   A. Someplace it wouldn’t be seen
   B. Back home to his mother
   C. To the pirate camp

2. When Jim pretended to go below, what did he see Mr. Hands do?

3. When Jim boarded the ship he made two commands. What were they?
   A. He was the new captain and to fly the English flag.
   B. To take down the sails and dump the gun powder.
   C. To man the oars and row to shore.

4. Why does Mr. Hands agree to help young Hawkins sail the boat?

5. Jim Hawkins had been feeling very proud for capturing the ship. How do you think he felt when he realized he had walked into Silver’s camp? Explain your answer.

6. What do you think will happen to Long John Silver?
1. This type of story is a/an:
   A. Fantasy
   B. Adventure
   C. Biography

2. What did the black spot mean?
   A. You are an outcast
   B. You have been condemned to death
   C. It was used for money

3. Why didn’t Jim run away with the doctor when he had the chance?
   A. He had given his word
   B. There was no place to run
   C. Long John returned too quickly

4. Why was Silver being friendly to Jim Hawkins?

5. Silver was siding with Jim and the doctor, then he switched back to the pirates. When and why does he switch to the pirates?

6. Do you think Jim is glad or sad that Silver got away? Support your answer using examples from the story.
LESSON 1
1. C
2. The captain quieted down when the doctor talked to him.
3. B
4. C
5. Answers will vary. Jim is excited to be going on a treasure hunt, but he may also be sad at the idea of leaving his mother.
6. Answers will vary.

LESSON 2
1. Jim was afraid that Long John Silver might be the man the captain had been waiting for.
2. A
3. When Jim was in the apple barrel he heard Long John Silver and his friends plotting to take over the ship and take the treasure.
4. Only 6 crewmen including Jim could be counted on.
5. Answers will vary.
6. Answers will vary.

LESSON 3
1. Jim met Ben Gunn, who was already on the island.
2. Jim and his friends had to wade ashore because their small boat sank.
3. C
4. A mutineer is a sailor who rebels against the commander of the ship.
5. Ben Gunn didn’t want to go with Jim because he didn’t trust Jim’s friends.
6. Answers will vary.
LESSON 4
1. A
2. Jim saw Mr. Hands put a knife in his shirt.
3. A
4. Mr. Hands agrees to help Jim sail the boat because he thinks he will have a chance to recapture it.
5. Jim probably felt foolish. Explanations will vary.
6. Answers will vary.

LESSON 5
1. B
2. B
3. A
4. Silver was being friendly to Jim partially because he liked him and also because he wasn’t sure which side would win.
5. He switches back to the pirates because it looked like they were winning at the moment.
6. Answers will vary.