

ENGLISH II - COLLEGE PREP/HONORS

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT 2021

Dear English II College Prep Students,

Welcome to a brand new year. At ACC, we are looking forward to a wonderful and challenging year for all of you. As part of your preparation for next year, you are assigned one summer novel to read. This thought-provoking novel and the related assignment will provide you with the necessary practice to sharpen and maintain your critical reading skills. Your assignment is as follows:

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson – ISBN-13 978-1789431026

See the plot summary below (from Amazon):

Treasure Island, a coming of age novel, is perhaps the best adventure story of all time. It is certainly the quintessential pirate tale, and together with its many movie adaptations it has created our idea of the pirate world: treasure maps with an "X", the one legged pirate, the parrot on the shoulder, the eye-patch, the black spot and even phrases like "shiver my timbers," and the captain's eternal song:

*"Fifteen men on the dead man's chest-
Yo-ho-ho, and a bottle of rum!
Drink and the devil had done for the rest-
Yo-ho-ho, and a bottle of rum!"*

The young Jim Hawkins is hired by an old seadog Billy Bones to look out for a sailor with one leg. Despite this precaution, Bones is found dead in suspicious circumstances. Searching through his belongings Jim finds a treasure map, which he shows to the local doctor and a wealthy squire. They engage a ship and captain, but unwittingly they hire the ruthless and immensely strong Long John Silver, who has designs on the treasure, as their cook ...

Please purchase a paperback copy of the novel. Also, please read and carefully follow the instructions for the assignment which are designed to help prepare you for the first quarter of the school year. The assignment will be collected on the first day of school, without exception. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Isabella Loffa at iloffa@colemancarroll.org - Dr. Carmen De Ara (Level 1) at cdeara@colemancarroll.org or Ms. Laura Behrens at lbehrens@colemancarroll.org

Have a fun, relaxing summer, enjoy your reading selection, and we'll see you in August!

Many blessings,

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SUMMER ASSIGNMENT ON *TREASURE ISLAND*

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO READ THE FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY AS NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THEM WILL BE REFLECTED IN YOUR GRADE

- Please purchase a black and white **composition notebook** (\$1.00 at Office Depot) in which to answer the discussion questions on the novel. You must **hand write your answers** (NO TYPED WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED). You may answer in cursive or print, but please make sure that your writing is legible. Your notebook must be turned in on the first full day of class. **This assignment will count as three (3) homework assignments.**



- Please answer each question in a complete sentence with details to support your answer. Use the questions to frame your answers. Also, eliminate the use of personal pronouns as much as possible (I, me, he, him, her, she, it, you, them, they). Use the character's name instead to identify who you are talking about. Remember that capitalization and punctuation rules apply and will be considered when grading your notebook.
- The key component in reading comprehension is being able to answer what we call the 5 W's and an H: Who, what, when, where, why and how. The discussion questions will address these reading comprehension building blocks. As you finish reading each chapter of the novel, you should complete the discussion questions for that chapter. Do not read the book and then go back and try to answer the questions. Answer them while the chapter is fresh in your mind!

TREASURE ISLAND BY ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

Comprehension Questions: Chapters 1-11

1. Jim Hawkins is telling this story. What is the name of the Inn where he lives?
2. Why does the captain promise Jim a silver-four-penny on the first of every month?
3. While the captain is away for a walk along the beach, who comes to visit?
4. Why has the captain fallen on the floor?
5. How does the doctor give relief to the captain?
6. The captain is afraid there may be others come to him. What does he expect they will bring for him?
7. Who is next to call on the captain? 8. Immediately after the blind man leaves, what happens to the captain?

Comprehension Questions: Chapters 1V-V1

1. Why do Jim and his mother receive so little help from the neighbors in the hamlet?
2. According to the time written on the backside of the black spot, how long do they have until someone will appear?
3. Where does Jim find the key to the lock of the captain's sea chest?
4. Mrs. Hawkins has only half of what the captain owes her when they hear people approaching. What does Jim take from the sea chest in settlement of the total bill?
5. How is the blind man killed?
6. Where does Mr. Dance take Jim?
7. When Dr. Livesey opens the packet, what does he find inside?
8. Why is Dr. Livesey afraid of Mr. Trelawny?

Comprehension Questions: Chapters V11-1X

1. In Bristol, the squire has acquired a ship. What is the name of it?
2. Who has he hired as cook?
3. When Jim encounters Long John in his Spy Glass, who does he see disappearing out the side door?
4. Who has the squire chosen as captain?
5. Why is the captain disgruntled?

6. One of Captain Smollett's complaints concerns the arms and powder. What request does he have in their regard?
7. What is the captain's main fear?
8. Because Captain Smollett orders Jim to the galley to help the cook, what is Jim's opinion of him?

Comprehension Questions: Chapters X-X11

1. Mr. Arrow proves to be a poor choice for Mate. What is his main drawback?
2. Compare a boatswain with a coxswain?
3. After whom has John Silver named his parrot?
4. Why does Jim climb into the apple barrel?
5. By gentlemen of fortune, what does John Silver mean?
6. When Long John asks Dick to get him an apple, what saves Jim and his hiding place?
7. Where does the Captain plan to drop anchor?
8. How do the number of honest sailors compare with the number of pirates?

Comprehension Questions: Chapters X111-XV

1. Because of sodden leaves and rotten tree trunks, what is Dr. Livesey's prediction?
2. When the crew is given permission to go ashore, what does Jim do as soon as he sets foot on land?
3. Who does Jim see Long John murder?
4. Just before Tom was murdered, what do you suppose happened to Alan?
5. Who is the wild looking man that Jim discovers?
6. How long has Ben Gunn been marooned on this island?
7. Ben queries Jim whether the Squire will take him home and asks Jim to put in a good word for him. How much money does he offer to pay for the trip home?

Comprehension Questions: Chapters XV1-XV111

1. Where is the fresh water spring located?
2. Who is delegated to transfer supplies from the ship to the stockade?
3. Who comes to the stockade with Captain Smollett?

4. During their last trip with the Jolly-Boat, about what does Captain Smollett suddenly think?
5. When Mr. Trelawny shoots one of the mutineers on the ship, what happens to the Jolly-Boat?
6. Captain Smollett stands a pole upright beside the log house. Explain, running up the colors.
7. Why is the Captain not worried about mutineers firing the gun?
8. As the Captain finishes making his entry in the log, who hails him from the woods?

Comprehension Question: Chapters X1X-XX1

1. Why is Ben Gunn certain Jim's friends are in the log house?
2. Early in the day, who comes to the log house carrying a flag of truce?
3. For what particular purpose has John Silver come?
4. Who does Jim suspect of plotting with the enemy?
5. Silver cannot climb over the stockade wall on his own. Who helps him?
6. Before the fighting starts, what does the Captain advise Jim to do?
7. When Jim Hawkins runs around the house and comes face to face with Anderson, what saves him?
8. After this first skirmish ends, at what does Captain Smollett calculate the odds?

Comprehension Questions: Chapters XX11-XX1V

1. When Dr. Livesey takes off alone into the woods, to where does Jim guess he is going?
2. Jim sneaks out of the stockade to look for Ben Gunn's boat. What is it called?
3. Jim forms another plan in his mind. What is it?
4. Who are the two mutineers left on the ship?
5. When Jim awakes at the southwest corner of the island, what does he see barking, crawling and playing on the rocks?
6. As the coracle floats by a point in the shoreline, what does Jim see?

Comprehension Questions: Chapters XXV-XXV11

1. Where does Jim eventually find the two men left on the ship?
2. In what condition are the two men?
3. Israel Hands and Jim make a bargain. What is it?

4. While Jim is gone to find a bottle of wine, what does Hands do?
5. Once inside the inlet, what do they do with the ship?
6. When Hands throws his knife and pins Jim's shoulder to the mast, what happens simultaneously?
7. After Jim beaches the Hispaniola, where does he go?
8. Who announces Jim's arrival at the house?

Comprehension Questions: Chapters XXV111-XXX

1. When Jim finds himself in the enemy camp he doesn't have much choice. With whom does he choose to join?
2. Long John boasts that he's the best man in the group. He claims Jim is better than any two of them. What does he say to protect Jim?
3. Who delivers the black spot to Silver?
4. From where could they cut a black spot?
5. When Silver resigns as captain, whom do they elect?
6. Why does Dr. Livesey come to the stockade?
7. When the doctor requests a talk with Jim Hawkins, what is the reaction from George Merry?
8. If they get back to England, what is the doctor's promise to Long John Silver?

Comprehension Questions: Chapters XXX1-XXX1V

1. At breakfast, it's decided they will hunt for the treasure. Since Jim is a valuable hostage, how will they keep him?
2. The man furthest to the left in the group discovers something under a tree. What is it?
3. How have the bones been rearranged?
4. By singing, who do you suppose scares the pirates?
5. How much is the treasure presumed to total?
6. To where has the treasure been taken?
7. Ben Gunn and Gray are happy to leave the three mutineers alone on the island. What provisions are left for them?
8. Long John Silver vacated the Hispaniola along with a sack of money and has not been seen since. How and where do they wish he were living?