Treasure Island

Expository Essay

**Assignment**: You will write a 5 paragraph expository essay based on the novel that uses textual evidence to support your ideas.

**Topics**: Choose **ONE**

* Option  1: Explain 3 foolhardy decisions/actions made by Jim in the novel. You must explain what exactly he did and why it was foolhardy.
  + You might consider: stealing the oilskin cloth, sneaking out from under the bridge, falling asleep in the apple barrel, sneaking aboard the jolly gig, sneaking out of the stockade, cutting the Hispaniola loose, etc.
  + Format:
    - Intro: Introduce the character of Jim Hawkins and explain what makes a decision/action “foolhardy.”
    - Body paragraph 1: action 1
    - Body paragraph 2: action 2
    - Body paragraph 3: action 3
    - Conclusion: Explain how these decisions ultimately worked to Jim’s benefit, despite their foolhardy nature.
* Option 2: Explain how Jim grows up throughout the novel by describing 3 separate behaviors at evolving levels of maturity. You must explain what each behavior is and how it represents a different level of maturity. You might consider: any foolhardy decision (see option 1 for more ideas), his treatment of his mother’s apprentice, his behavior/attitude toward Israel Hands and/or the mutineers when he is trapped in the stockade with them, his decision to keep his word when Dr. Livesey tells him to run, etc.
  + Format:
    - Intro: Introduce the character of Jim Hawkins and explain how children go through different phases of behavior as they grow up (consider asking for your parents’ advice on this one). Explain what you consider to be the most important difference between a child and an adult.
    - Body paragraph 1: action 1
    - Body paragraph 2: action 2
    - Body paragraph 3: action 3
    - Conclusion: Explain how these behaviors show that Jim has grown from a child into a young man by the end of the story.

**Requirements:**

* Each body paragraph must include one example from the text with a quotation to support it. \*All quotations must be cited. As in a four square, be sure to give context and commentary for the quote.
* Each paragraph should be roughly 7-10 sentences.