*Treasure Island*

Guided Reading Questions

Questions will be added to this document as we read each chapter. Keep checking back and using them to help you study. If you would like to make your own copy, be sure to keep adding the new questions as they are updated.

Annotations should always include plot events, important details, and character names.

**Chapter 1:**

Annotations: Characterization & themes

1. What does the captain look like? What do his looks tell about his life?
2. From whom is the captain hiding? Why is he hiding?
3. How does the doctor stand up to the captain? Why does the captain back down?
4. Stevenson tried especially hard to write good openings. Reread the first paragraph and tell whether or not you think he succeeded. How many elements of the story does he introduce in the first paragraph.

**Chapter 2:**

Annotations:characterization & theme

1. What is unusual about Black Dog’s physical appearance?
2. How do the captain and Black Dog feel about each other?
3. What causes the captain’s stroke?

**Chapter 3:**

Annotations: Sensory appeals to create effect (visual images, sounds, touch etc.)

1. What is the black spot?
2. What does the captain promise if Jim will help him?
3. Which pirate do you think is most frightening so far? Why?
4. Why is 10:00 important? What time is it when the captain dies?
5. Why does Jim burst into tears when the captain dies?

**Chapter 4:**

Annotations: Continue sensory appeals, focusing on sound in this chapter (onomatopoeias especially).

1. Why won’t the villagers help Jim and his mother?
2. Where does Jim find the key to the dead man’s chest?
3. What is the piece of paper near the captain’s hand? What does it say? What does it look like?
4. Why does Jim’s mother take so long to count the money?
5. What does Jim take from the captain’s chest?

**Chapter 5:**

Annotations: Continue focusing on sound.

1. How do the buccaneers react to finding out that Billy Bones is dead?
2. What are Pew and his men looking for?
3. Why does Pew begin to strike the other men?
4. How does Pew die?

**Chapter 6:**

Annotations: Continue plot, theme, and sound.

1. How do the doctor and the square show their approval of Jim’s mother’s courage and determination?
2. What are some of the outstanding features of the island on the map?
3. What will be Jim Hawkins’ role in the project?
4. Why must they keep the map and their planned voyage a secret?

**Chapter 7:**

Annotations: plot, new characters, characterization, foreshadowing

1. How does Jim spend his time at the Hall while waiting for the squire to send for him and the doctor?
2. According to the squire’s letter, how did Long John Silver lose his leg?
3. What does Long John Silver do for a living

**Chapter 8:**

Annotations: plot, new characters, characterization, foreshadowing

1. Silver’s Tavern is named the Spyglass. Why might he have chosen that name?
2. What things does Jim like about Long John Silver?
3. Billy Bones asked Jim to be on the lookout for a one-legged man. Long John Silver is a one-legged man. Why does Jim decide Silver is the same man? Are you persuaded by his reasoning?

**Chapter 9:**

Annotations: plot, new characters, foreshadowing

1. What precautions does the captain insist on before they leave port?
2. What does the captain seem worried about?
3. How does Silver attempt to persuade them not to move the powder?
4. Is the Captain too strict?

**Chapter 10:**

Annotations: plot, new characters, foreshadowing

1. What song do the men sing as the crew pulls up anchor? Where have we heard this song before?
2. What phrase does Silver’s parrot repeat? Why might he repeat this phrase?
3. What does Captain Smollett disapprove about the squire’s treatment of the crew?

**Chapter 11:**

Annotations: plot, evidence of character traits

1. Where are Long John Silver’s savings now?
2. What is a “gentleman of fortune”?
3. Why does Long John Silver want to wait until the last minute to take over the ship?
4. What does Silver plan to do once this “cruise” is over?
5. Why does Silver say that he votes for death?
6. Whom does Silver himself want to kill?
7. What happened to Mr. Arrow?

**Chapter 12:**

Annotations: plot

1. Why does the squire admit to the captain that he was wrong? What was he wrong and the captain right about?
2. When does the captain suggest they fight?
3. List the 7 trustworthy hands (“good guys”). How many untrustworthy men are there?

**Chapter 13:**

Annotations: Significant quotes

1. What does Treasure Island look like from the sea? Why does Jim say he hated it?
2. Why does Jim jump into one of the boats bound for shore? What do you think he was planning to do?
3. Why does Jim begin to regret his decision to go ashore?

**Chapter 14:**

Annotations: sounds/onomatopoeias, similes (especially for characterization), new character names

1. What “warning” does Silver seem to be giving Tom?
2. How does Silver kill dutiful Tom?
3. What are the cries that Jim, Silver and Tom hear?

**Chapter 15:**

Annotations: sound, characterization

1. What do Ben Gunn’s clothes look like?
2. Why was Ben Gunn marooned?
3. Besides digging up the treasure, how has Ben Gunn spent his time?
4. What does Ben Gunn want in return for helping the squire and his men?

**Chapters 16, 17, & 18:**

Annotations: description of the stockade! new characters

1. Who is the narrator in chapter 16? Why do you think that Stevenson changed narrators?
2. What makes Araham Gray decide to remain loyal?
3. How many trips does the jolly boat make? Why so many?
4. How does the jolly boat sink?
5. Why does the doctor agree that even though the flag gives the pirates something to aim at, the Union Jack should not be taken down?
6. What words of comfort does the captain have about the death of Tom Redruth?

**Chapters 19 & 20:**

Annotations: plot

1. What gift does the doctor have for Ben Gunn?
2. How does the captain keep the garrison in the stockade from becoming “blue” or depressed by their situation?
3. What does Jim mean when he says that they have “two able allies--rum and the climate”?
4. What does Silver want from the party inside the Stockade?
5. How does Captain Smollett show his distrust and disrespect of Long John Silver?
6. Who really attacked the pirates’ camp when they were drunk?

**Chapter 21:**

Annotations: plot, characterization of Captain Smollet, lost characters

1. How many are left on each side after the battle?
2. How does Jim escape from being slashed by Anderson’s raised cutlass?
3. What is the captain’s role in the battle?
4. What does Doctor Livesey do during the fight?
5. Does Jim wound any of his adversaries?

**Chapter 22:**

Annotations: plot details, visual imagery

1. How is the captain wounded?
2. Jim describes leaving the stockade as his “second folly” and says that it is worse than the first. What was the first folly? Why is this one worse?
3. What is Jim’s plan.
4. What are the pirates doing after the battle?

**Chapter 23:**

Annotations: plot details \*Remember you can check back to your shared doc with our vocab whenever you need to (hint: to picture a coracle).

1. What does Jim wait for before cutting the hawser? Why?
2. What does Jim see through the cabin window?