

# Captains Courageous

**Grades 7-8**

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## Teacher Input Suggestions

Captains Courageous lends itself to themes on a variety of topics such as the sea, fishing, environmental issues, use of land and oceans, conservation, the father-son relationship, death and loss, and growing up. Activities to consider are:

1. Use the activities in this unit as learning centers or as the need arises during the lessons.
2. Encourage students to keep a reading response journal or do chapter summaries as a means of keeping up with the various events in the novel.
3. Provide pupils with the opportunity to view the film adaptation of the novel.
4. Contact one or more of the New England Maritime Museums mentioned in Social Studies Activity Eight and request information on the 19th century fishing industry (or other maritime occupations).
5. Contact your own ministry of oceans and fisheries for information on the current situation of the national fishing industry. Compare the current situation to conditions in the 19th century.
6. Use the vocabulary list provided for daily spelling or dictionary skills.
7. As a class, build model 19th-century ships either from kits or from scratch and display them in the classroom.
8. Select and play for the class traditional sea shanties. Consider learning to sing or otherwise perform some of the music.
9. Plan a visit to a maritime museum.
10. Invite a guest speaker who is familiar with oceans and fisheries in to talk to the class.
11. Have students research an occupation in depth and then write a fiction story incorporating that research as Rudyard Kipling did when creating the adventures of the crew of the "We're Here".
12. Create new stories using vocabulary from Captains Courageous.
13. Complete the word search puzzles in this unit.
14. Read excerpts from other novels, poetry or non-fiction prose about the sea to the class.
15. Discuss the students' own personal experience of the sea.
16. Provide students with the opportunity to view any of a large number of excellent documentaries on fishing and the sea. (See your local public library.)
17. Use the art activities to decorate the class.
18. Pin up pictures of Rudyard Kipling, images of ships and the sea and illustrations from some of Kipling's books about the classroom.
19. Use the drama activities to entertain the other classes in school.
20. Lead a discussion about how attitudes in society have (or have not) changed since Kipling's time on such issues as work, responsibility, race, the quest for wealth and power, conservation and ecology, education, class structure, what constitutes the male sphere and the female sphere.
21. The discussion questions may be used in the following ways:
  - a) for oral discussion
  - b) reproduced for the individual student to be recorded as you choose. Example: journal, notebook.
  - c) put on overheads
  - d) as activity cards

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## Vocabulary

Here are four vocabulary lists - one for each segment of the novel.

You, as the teacher, can help your students learn and use the vocabulary in Captains Courageous by providing them with fun and meaningful activities.

Some activities you might consider include:

- Vocabulary Bees: similar to spelling bees but stressing the meaning of the words.
- Creating Personal Dictionaries in which to record new words and examples of correct use.
- Playing Vocabulary Concentration, matching the word to its definition.
- Finding Synonyms and Antonyms for vocabulary words from the lists.
- Creating new Stories using words from Captains Courageous.
- Creating Word Searches and Crossword Puzzles using words from Captains Courageous.

## Vocabulary Lists

### Chapters One to Three:

(to) manage (verb)	shaven	deliberately	man o'war
(to) swell (verb)	wad	jersey	dolefully
(to) loom (verb)	second-hand	despairingly	kink
(to) stagger (verb)	elder	halter	Gaelic
(to) hoist (verb)	dingy	clammy	ficking
(to) request (verb)	dory	schooner	oilskin
(to) console (verb)			

### Chapters Four to Six:

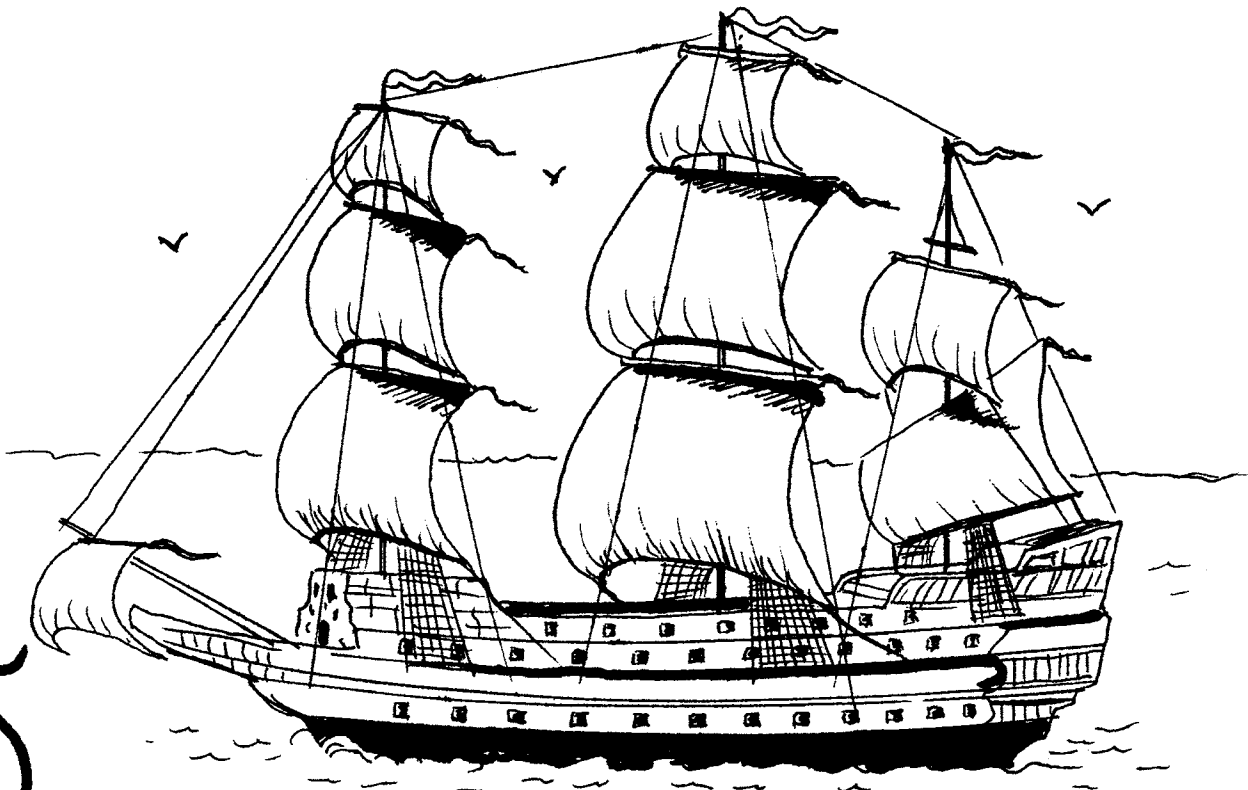
(to) volley (verb)	chores	Providence	pawl-post
(to) heave (verb)	indolent	ashore	gilt
(to) cuss (verb)	whaler	superstition	dolorous
(to) wane (verb)	judgements	impertinence	ditty
(to) croon (verb)	surf	dreadnought	Jonah
(to) flourish (verb)	packet	foc'sle	
(to) moan (verb)			

### Chapters Six to Eight:

(to) condescend (verb)	slack	ton	merriment
(to) enlighten (verb)	impromptu	impenitently	lee
(to) spar (verb)	rheumatism	tentacle	navigator
(to) presume (verb)	porthole	craft	consolation
(to) whack (verb)	salvation	consideration	fleet
(to) still (verb)	cluster	barnacle	pinkey
(to) stagger (verb)			

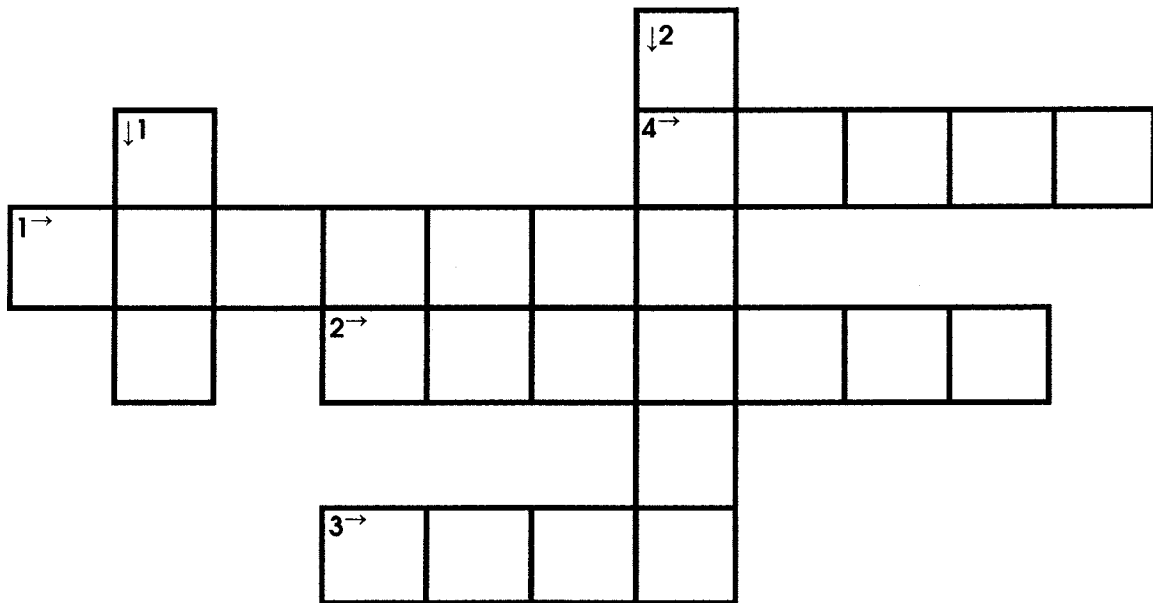
### Chapters Nine to Ten:

(to) shift (verb)	sorrow	massage	companion
(to) blurt (verb)	endurance	heap	ere
(to) bid (verb)	insurance	annuity	consternation
(to) accomplish (verb)	gilded	chute	boudoir
(to) surge (verb)	keenly	endowment	Unitarian
(to) stroll (verb)	absolution	propitiatingly	rigger
(to) flank (verb)			



## Vocabulary Activity #1

### Vocabulary Crossword - Chapters 1 to 3

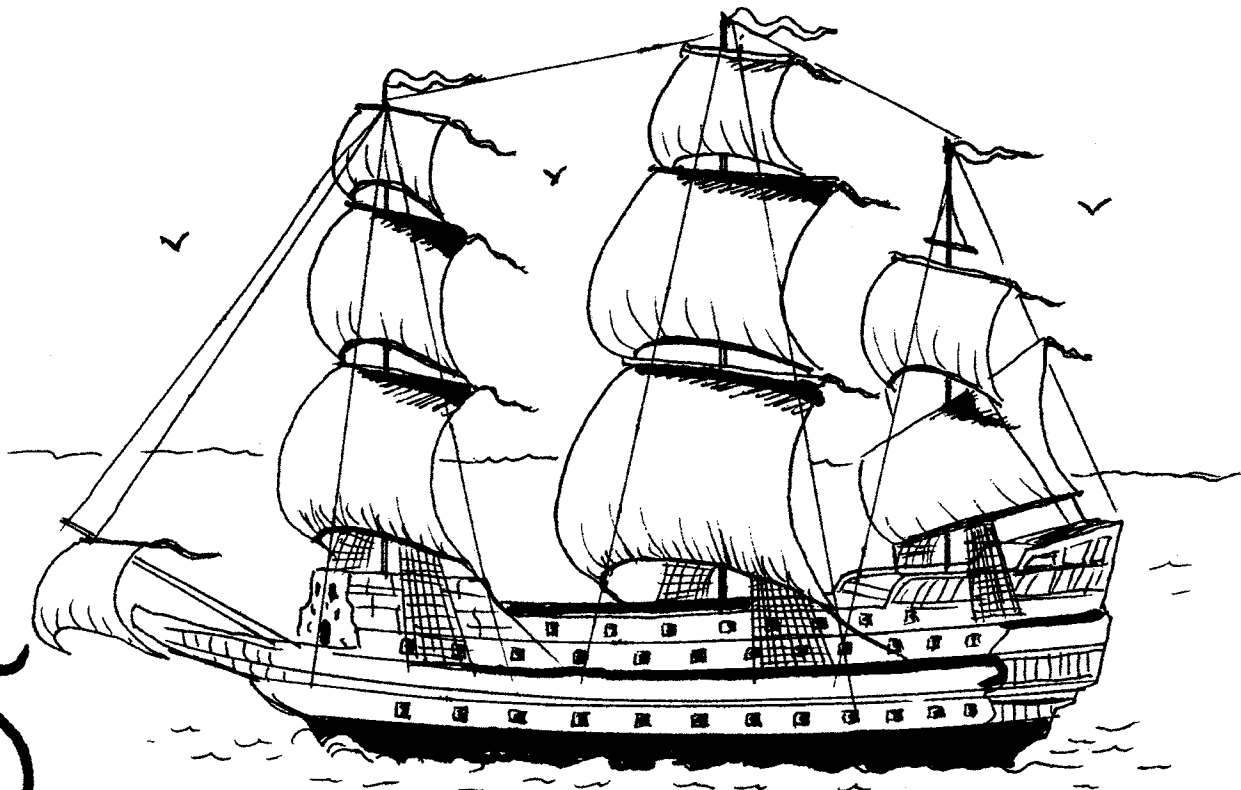


**Down**

1. A great amount of bills.
2. A sweater worn by mariners.

**Across**

1. A great battle ship.
2. A rainslicker.
3. A small row boat.
4. A respected older person.



## Vocabulary Activity #2

### Word Scramble - Chapters 4 to 6

Unscramble the letters to find words from Vocabulary List

1. loorouds \_\_\_\_\_
2. kapect \_\_\_\_\_
3. eildonnt \_\_\_\_\_
4. awhler \_\_\_\_\_
5. aomn \_\_\_\_\_
6. `ocfesl \_\_\_\_\_
7. neadghourtd \_\_\_\_\_
8. shorec \_\_\_\_\_
9. ligt \_\_\_\_\_
10. tisitesupron \_\_\_\_\_