

Treasure Island

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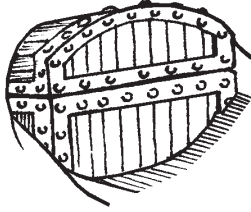
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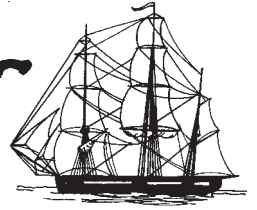
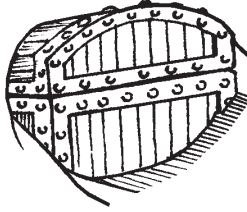


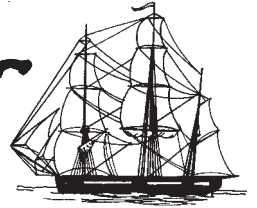
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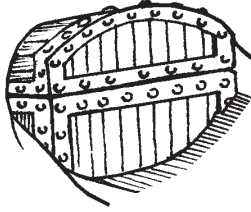


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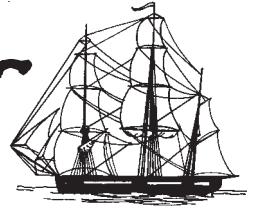


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Chapters 1 – 2

Before you read the chapters:

At one time the “scourge of the high seas” were the many pirates who sailed these waters. Find out at least three important facts about these people (e.g., what countries were they from, on whom did they prey, etc.).

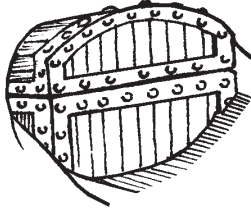
Have you ever had the unpleasant experience of hosting an unwanted guest? Tell about such an experience, and how it might be resolved. Why can such a circumstance be extremely awkward?

Vocabulary:

1. Choose a word from the list to complete each sentence.

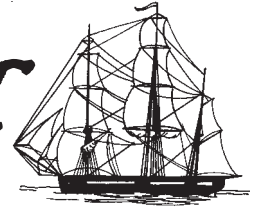
suffice	ruffian	effectual	precisely	incivility
tyrannize	abominable	connoisseur	indignant	rebuff

- a) I’m sure that discriminating woman considers herself something of a _____ of the finer things in life.
- b) The _____ weather stopped us from enjoying our vacation.
- c) The cruel camp counselor made it his job to _____ all of the young campers in his care.
- d) I’m sure that my aunt will _____ that man’s advances.
- e) The _____ stole her purse.



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- f) The policeman's methods were most _____ in a crisis.
- g) "There's no need for all of this _____," he said. "Why can't we all just get long?"
- h) Even one million dollars will not _____ for that greedy person.
- i) Poor Aunt Tessie was quite _____ at the imagined insult.
- j) The bell will ring at _____ three o'clock.

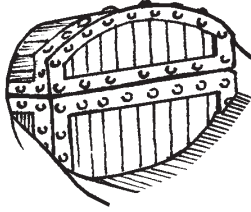
2. A number of the words and phrases we meet in this novel are long out of use. Find out the meaning of the following examples:

- a) "What mought you call me?" _____
- b) "how that personage haunted my dreams" _____
- c) "the Spanish Main" _____
- d) "buy some stockings from a hawker" _____
- e) "coltish country folk" _____
- f) "the world will soon be quit of a very dirty scoundrel" _____
- g) "would certainly have split him to the chine" _____

Questions:

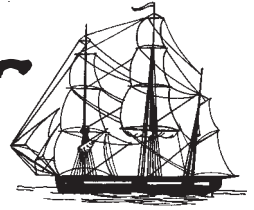
1. Describe the setting of the first two chapters. Remember setting involves both place and time.

2. From the description given of the Captain when he first appears at the inn, list in point form four of these descriptors.



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3. How did the captain terrorize everyone at the Admiral Benbow?

4. Why did the captain ask Jim to keep a watchful eye for a “seafaring man with one leg”?

5. Who was Black Dog?

6. Describe the captain’s reaction to his meeting with Black Dog.

7. What dual role did Dr. Livesey have in the community?

Language Activities:

1. *Treasure Island* is perhaps the most famous novel about pirates ever written. Since Robert Louis Stevenson penned his great classic, however, a number of books and movies about pirates have come into existence. Think of another example of a book or movie on pirates and write a short synopsis of the plot.
