



Treasure Island



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What Do *You* Think? Questions for Discussion



Have you ever been around a toddler who keeps asking the question “Why?” Does your teacher call on you in class with questions from your homework? Do your parents ask you questions at the dinner table about your day? We are always surrounded by questions that need a specific response. But is it possible to have a question with no right answer?

The following questions are about the book you just read. But this is not a quiz! They are

designed to help you look at the people, places, and events in the story from different angles. These questions do not have specific answers. Instead, they might make you think of the story in a completely new way.

Think carefully about each question and enjoy discovering more about this classic story.

1. At the beginning of the book, Jim is about to embark on an incredible adventure. How would you feel starting out on a journey all by yourself? Where would you go?

2. Would you leave your friends and family if it meant you might find treasure?

3. In chapter 4, Jim describes hearing footsteps and seeing visions appear in the mist. How did reading about Jim's fear make you feel? Did you get a sense that something scary was about to happen?

4. Why did Jim cry when he realized that a new apprentice had been sent to the inn? Have you ever felt this way?

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

5. John Silver is an unusual character. He is likable one minute and treacherous the next. Have you ever met someone like that?

6. When Jim is in the apple barrel, he overhears John Silver's plan to kill the Captain. What would you have done? Have you ever overheard something you were not supposed to hear?

7. When Jim decided to hide himself in one of the boats, he said, "It was then that I became either brave or stupid, I can't say which." What do you think? What would you have done if you were Jim?

8. Ben tells Jim, "I have nothing, but I am rich." What do you think he meant by that?

9. Throughout the book, the only woman we see is Jim's mother. Why do you think this is? Could women today go on such adventures?

10. There are a lot of unusual pirate-like terms used in the book. One of these is "Flint's Fist." What do you think that means? Try creating other pirate terms to describe things.