

# TREASURE ISLAND

## Answers

### CHAPTERS 1-2

1. There is still buried treasure on the island.
2. *"Fifteen men on the dead man's chest—  
Yo-bo-bo, and a bottle of rum!  
Drink and the devil had done for the rest—  
Yo-bo-bo, and a bottle of rum!"*
3. to keep a "weather-eye open for a seafaring man with one leg"
4. Doctor Livesey
5. Black Dog
6. Bones had had a stroke.
7. "Here's luck," "A fair wind," "Billy Bones his fancy," and a gallows and a man hanging from it

### Project 1—Vocabulary

*handspike:* A bar or lever, generally of wood, used in a windlass or capstan, for heaving anchor, and, in modified forms, for various purposes.

*connoisseur:* a person who is especially competent to pass critical judgments in an art, particularly one of the fine arts, or in matters of taste

*berth:* a shelflike sleeping space, as on a ship, airplane, or railroad car.

*abominable:* Worthy of, or causing, abhorrence, as a thing of evil omen; odious in the utmost degree; very hateful; detestable; loathsome

*assizes:* a trial session, civil or criminal, held periodically in specific locations in England, usually by a judge of a superior court

*cutlass:* a short, heavy, slightly curved sword with a single cutting edge, formerly used by sailors.

*rum:* an alcoholic liquor or spirit distilled from molasses or some other fermented sugar-cane product.

*swab:* slang for a sailor

*reef:* a part of a sail that is rolled and tied down to reduce the area exposed to the wind/to shorten (sail) by tying in one or more reefs.

*vise:* any of various devices, usually having two jaws that may be brought together or separated by means of a screw, lever, or the like, used to hold an object firmly while work is being done on it.

*detestable:* deserving to be detested; abominable; hateful, abhorrent, loathsome, odious, vile

*trinket:* a small ornament, piece of jewelry, etc.

*oilskin:* a cotton fabric made waterproof by treatment with oil and used for rain gear and fishermen's clothing.

*lubber:* a clumsy person; an inexperienced sailor; a landlubber.

*skulking:* to lie in hiding, as out of cowardice or bad conscience; lurk.

*miscreant:* a scoundrel; reprobate; a vicious or depraved person; villain.

*prodigious:* extraordinary in size, amount, extent, degree, force, etc.

*bummock:* an elevated tract of land rising above the general level of a marshy region

*fathom:* a unit of length equal to six feet (1.8 meters); used chiefly in nautical measurements.

*beath:* a tract of open and uncultivated land; wasteland overgrown with shrubs.

*schooner:* any of various types of sailing vessels having a foremast and mainmast, with or without other masts, and having fore-and-aft sails on all lower masts.

*dexterity:* skill or adroitness in using the hands or body; agility.

*keel hauling:* To discipline by dragging under the keel of a ship

*trump:* a reliable or admirable person

*stave:* a verse or stanza of a poem or song

*lanyard:* a short rope or wire rove through deadeyes to hold and tauten standing rigging.

*yarn:* a tale, esp. a long story of adventure or incredible happenings

*pieces of eight:* An old Spanish silver coin, worth eight reales, that was minted in the Spanish Empire after a Spanish currency reform in 1497. It was legal tender in the United States until an Act of the United States Congress discontinued the practice in 1857. Through widespread use in Europe, the Americas and the Far East, it became the first world currency by the late 18th century.

*go about:* a nautical phrase meaning to change course by tacking or wearing.

*grog:* a mixture of rum and water, often flavored with lemon, sugar, and spices and sometimes served hot. The word comes from "Old Grog," the nickname of Edward Vernon, a British admiral, who in 1740 ordered the alcoholic mixture to be served, instead of pure spirits, to sailors.

*duff:* a stiff flour pudding, boiled or steamed and often flavored with currants, citron, and spices.

*foc's'le:* a variant of "forecastle"—the section of the upper deck of a ship located at the bow forward of the foremast.

*trades:* Also called trade winds. Any of the nearly constant easterly winds that dominate most of the tropics and subtropics throughout the world, blowing mainly from the northeast in the Northern Hemisphere,

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and from the southeast in the Southern Hemisphere.

*pannikin*: a small pan or metal cup

*agitated*: excited; disturbed

*forelock*: the lock of hair that grows from the fore part of the head

*scuppers*: an opening in the side of a ship at deck level to allow water to run off.

*backstay*: any of various shrouds forming part of a vessel's standing rigging and leading aft from masts above a lower mast to the sides or stern of the vessel in order to reinforce the masts against forward pull.

*warp*: to move (a vessel) into a desired place or position by hauling on a rope that has been fastened to something fixed, as a buoy or anchor.

*gig*: a light boat rowed with four, six, or eight long oars

*cannibal*: a person who eats human flesh, esp. for magical or religious purposes, as among certain tribal peoples.

*clove hitch*: a knot or hitch for fastening a rope to a spar or larger rope, consisting of two half hitches made in opposite directions, the two parts of the rope emerging also in opposite directions.

*dysentery*: An inflammatory disorder of the lower intestinal tract, usually caused by a bacterial, parasitic, or protozoan infection and resulting in pain, fever, and severe diarrhea, often accompanied by the passage of blood and mucus.

*scoundrel*: an unprincipled, dishonorable person; villain

*breeches*: knee-length trousers, often having ornamental buckles or elaborate decoration at or near the bottoms, commonly worn by men and boys in the 17th, 18th, and early 19th centuries.

*bandoleer*: a broad belt worn over the shoulder by soldiers and having a number of small loops or pockets, for holding a cartridge or cartridges.

*sullen*: showing a brooding ill humor or silent resentment; morose or sulky.

*knoll*: a small, rounded hill or eminence; hillock

*snuff*: a preparation of tobacco, either powdered and taken into the nostrils by inhalation or ground and placed between the cheek and gum

*bash*: a dish of diced or chopped meat and often vegetables, as of leftover corned beef or veal and potatoes, sautéed in a frying pan or of meat, potatoes, and carrots cooked together in gravy.

*dirk*: a dagger, esp. of the Scottish Highlands

*bulwark*: a solid wall enclosing the perimeter of a weather or main deck for the protection of persons or objects on deck.

*subaltern*: A subaltern is a military term for a junior officer. Literally meaning "subordinate," subaltern is used to describe commissioned officers below the rank of captain and generally comprises the various grades of lieutenant.

*glim*: a light or lamp

*truculent*: fierce; cruel; savagely brutal

*caulker*: a person who caulks the seams of boats or the like

*gammon*: a victory in which the winner throws off all his or her pieces before the opponent throws off any

*teetotum*: a kind of die having four sides, each marked with a different initial letter, spun with the fingers in an old game of chance

*capstan*: an apparatus used for hoisting weights, consisting of a vertical spool-shaped cylinder that is rotated manually or by machine and around which a cable is wound.

*obsequious*: characterized by or showing servile complaisance or deference; fawning; obedient; dutiful.

### *Project 2—A Book of Pirates*

At the time of publication on the Eastern North Carolina Digital Library (<http://digital.lib.ecu.edu/historyfiction/fullview.aspx?id=joh>) you can read *A General History of the Robberies and Murders of the Most Notorious Pyrates* for more biographies of pirates. Its author uses the name Captain Charles Johnson, generally considered a pseudonym for Daniel Defoe. In this book can be found profiles of Henry Avery, James Martel, Blackbeard, Stede Bonnet, Edward England, Charles Vane, Calico Jack Rackham, Mary Read, Anne Bonny, Howell Davis, Bartholomew Roberts, Thomas Anstis, Richard Worley, George Lowther, Edward Lowe, John Evans, Francis Spriggs, John Smith, John Gow, Thomas Tew, William Kidd, John Bowen, John Halsey, Thomas White, Thomas Howard, David Williams, Samuel Burgess, Nathaniel North, Christopher Condent, Samuel Belamy, and more.

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### CHAPTERS 3-4

1. rum
2. all of Flint's crew—especially a seafaring man with one leg
3. a blind man wearing a green shade over his eyes, hunched over, wearing a tattered sea cloak with a hood
4. he cried
5. none
6. it was written on the reverse side of the paper bearing the black spot
7. a good suit of clothes, a quadrant, a tin canikin, several sticks of tobacco, two pistols, a piece of bar silver, a Spanish watch, trinkets, two compasses, West Indian shells, an old boat-cloak, an oilcloth packet, and a canvas bag of money (doubloons, louis-d'ors, guineas, pieces of eight).
8. money and the oilskin packet
9. Jim's mother fainted

### CHAPTERS 5-6

1. "Flint's fist"
2. poked out his eyes
3. he was trampled by a horse
4. the inn was in "such a state of smash"—the pirates had ransacked the Admiral Benbow
5. Dr. Livesey
6. Mr. Trelawney was over six-feet high, broad, a reddened rough and ready face with black eyebrows
7. Blackbeard
8. a book and a sealed paper
9. the squire—for he could not hold his tongue

### CHAPTERS 7-8

1. brooding over the treasure map, imagining their adventures there
2. Hispaniola
3. Long John Silver
4. Silver had only one leg/ship's cook
5. The squire had had everything repainted and the public rooms and the sign repainted, and had added new furniture. He also had found a young boy to work for Jim's mother.
6. Missing his left leg, tall, strong, with a face as big as a ham, cheerful
7. Black Dog
8. He reported the entire incident to them in the presence of Jim "with a great deal of spirit and the most perfect truth."

### CHAPTERS 9-10

1. Smollett didn't like any of them—except for the schooner, which he thought seemed like a clever craft
2. The secret was that they were going on a treasure voyage.
3. Smollett and Long John Silver
4. move the powder and firearms
5. Captain Smollett
6. "Fifteen men on a dead man's chest—Yo-ho-ho, and a bottle of rum!"
7. he fell overboard
8. According to the coxswain, John Silver is not a common man. He is educated, brave, and strong. The text also described the cook as respected and obeyed by the crew, personable, kind, tidy, and attentive to Jim.
9. "Cap'n Flint"—Joseph Flint was the notorious captain of the Walrus. Flint may have been based on a real person. According to French author Pierre Mac Orlan, Flint is mentioned by a certain M.C. Whitehead in his *Life of the English Thieves and Pirates*. Mac Orlan wrote this in his introduction for a French translation of Captain Johnson's *General History of the Pyrates* in 1921. In Arthur Ransome's book *Swallows and Amazons*, the Blackett's uncle James Turner is nicknamed Captain Flint by the Swallows.
10. Double grog on the least excuse, duff on odd days like a seaman's birthday, and apples for anyone as they fancied.
11. in an apple barrel

#### *Project—Anne Bonny*

In the interest of historical veracity, it must be acknowledged that the etching of Anne on this page has been modified to be more modest. For students with younger siblings, a trip to the library is encouraged to obtain *The Ballad of the Pirate Queens* by Jane Yolen and illustrated by David Shannon. It is a delightful and beautiful book—although it takes liberties with historical veracity in entirely different ways!

### CHAPTERS 11-12

1. They both were injured by the same blast.
2. rum and a good fling/saves it
3. She sold the Spy-glass and is waiting for Long John in an undisclosed location.
4. big ears
5. ideally, after Captain Smollett had navigated the Hispaniola halfway home—back into the trades at least

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6. Billy Bones
7. Silver said: "When I'm in Parlyment, and riding in my coach, I don't want none of these sea-lawyers in the cabin a-coming home, unlooked for, like the devil at prayers."
8. Silver had a gauge on the keg.
9. the red crosses and Flint's notes
10. He'd pack a snack.
11. He apologized to the captain, saying: "Now, captain, you were right, and I was wrong. I own myself an ass, and I await your orders."
12. 1) They can't turn the ship around; 2) Time is on their side; 3) There are faithful seamen aboard.
13. seven to nineteen—and one of the seven was a boy

### CHAPTERS 13–15

1. The hill was taller than all the others, sheer on almost every side and flat on top—giving the appearance of a pedestal without a statue.
2. They towed the boat using rowboats out in front.
3. mutiny
4. He went ashore with them.
5. Silver broke Tom's back with his crutch and stabbed him repeatedly.
6. Ben Gunn—jumping behind the trees
7. cheese—toasted especially
8. He could recite his catechism answer so fast that the listener couldn't tell the words apart.
9. passage back to England and one thousand pounds from the treasure
10. Flint killed them all.
11. a pinch
12. Gunn went to the cemetery to pray—even though he was short handed by not having a chapling or a Bible.

### CHAPTERS 16–17

1. They discussed what to do, decided to stay where they were, and one went back to whistling *Lillibullero*. *Lillibullero* is a march attributed to Henry Purcell. The lyrics refer to the Williamite war in Ireland 1689–1691, which arose out of the Glorious Revolution.

Ho, brother Teague, dost hear the decree?

Lillibullero bullen a la

We are to have a new deputy

Lillibullero bullen a la

*Refrain*

*Lero Lero Lillibullero*

*Lillibullero bullen a la*

*Lero Lero Lero Lero*

*Lillibullero bullen a la*

Oh by my soul it is a Talbot

Lillibullero bullen a la

And he will cut every Englishman's throat

Lillibullero bullen a la

*Refrain*

Now Tyrconnell is come ashore

Lillibullero bullen a la

And we shall have commissions galore

Lillibullero bullen a la

*Refrain*

And everyone that won't go to Mass

Lillibullero bullen a la

He will be turned out to look like an ass

Lillibullero bullen a la

*Refrain*

Now the heretics all go down

Lillibullero bullen a la

By Christ and St Patrick's the nation's our own

Lillibullero bullen a la

*Refrain*

There was an old prophecy found in a bog

Lillibullero bullen a la

The country'd be ruled by an ass and a dog

Lillibullero bullen a la

*Refrain*

Now this prophecy is all come to pass

Lillibullero bullen a la

For James is the dog and Tyrconnell's the ass

Lillibullero bullen a la

2. the spring

3. powder tins, muskets, biscuits, pork, and cognac

4. They were thrown overboard.

5. a knife cut to the cheek

6. Hands was the gunner.

7. no lost lives but all the supplies and most of the guns

### CHAPTERS 18–19

1. Trelawney was skilled with firearms

2. Tom was shot and he died.

3. The pirates aimed at their flag.

4. ten days

5. because the Union Jack was flying instead of the Jolly Roger

6. The spring bubbled up into an iron kettle with its bottom knocked out.

7. cook/cheese

8. rum and the climate

9. Long John Silver

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### CHAPTERS 20–21

1. Smollett “deserted”
2. he killed one of the pirates
3. Turn over the treasure map and stop killing the pirates in their sleep, then the pirates would take them somewhere safe or send the first ship they meet back to pick them up
4. no one
5. them that die
6. Gray
7. load muskets
8. telling the truth
9. four to nine (*that evening it would be reduced to eight, but Hawkins had no way to know this*)

### CHAPTERS 22–23

1. not walk, move his arm, or speak
2. going to visit Ben Gunn
3. French leave is a leave of absence without permission or without announcing one’s departure. Jim took “French leave.”
4. the parrot
5. The small coracle was a “rude, lop-sided framework of tough wood, and stretched upon that a covering of goat skin, with the hair on the inside.”
6. cut the schooner free so that she would draft ashore
7. Hands and the red-cap were trying to kill each other.

### CHAPTERS 24–25

1. sea-lions
2. paddle over to the Hispaniola
3. The schooner struck it after Jim had leaped on board.
4. Jim said to the coxswain, “Come aboard, Mr. Hands.”
5. taking down the Jolly Roger
6. North Inlet
7. “a grain of derision, a shadow of treachery”

### CHAPTERS 26–27

1. throw him overboard
2. The rank Irishman was in another world, maybe watching Jim and Hands.
3. He asked for wine.
4. Hands armed himself with a short dirk.
5. the cannon
6. broken trust; a lifetime of sins, lies and blood; the death of O’Brien

7. At low tide a rope would be wrapped from the schooner around a large pine tree back to the capstan. At high tide they all would pull the line and off she’d come.
8. The tiller caught him in the chest.
9. The priming was wet with sea water.
10. He threw a dagger at Jim, pinning his shoulder to the mast.
11. He shuddered.
12. The captain had been niggardly about firewood.
13. Captain Flint—the parrot

### CHAPTERS 28–29

1. Livesey came under a flag of truce to the pirates, they negotiated, and the pirates got all the supplies and the stockade
2. “ship lost, treasure lost, men lost; your whole business gone to wreck;” Jim claimed he was responsible for all of it.
3. He offered to testify in their behalf when they came to trial.
4. all is lost—“you’re within half a plank of death, and, what’s a long sight worse, of torture.”
5. Jim says he will do what he can to keep Long John from swinging.
6. The doctor gave Long John the treasure map.
7. Dick’s Bible
8. 1: he made a hash of the cruise, 2: he let the enemy out of the stockade for nothing, 3: he didn’t let them chase down the enemy, 4: he stuck by Jim.
9. 1: Anderson/Hands/Merry spoiled the cruise by forcing Silver to give up on the timing of his plan, 2: he got the map in trade, 3: the doctor was treating them, 4: Jim was a hostage
10. The Black Spot was written on a page from the Bible that contained that verse. “without are dogs and murderers”
11. sentry duty that night

### CHAPTERS 30–31

1. the doctor
2. “not to lose a man for King George (God bless him!) and the gallows”
3. “sp’iling Bibles” or “being arrant asses” for camping in a bog
4. He allowed Jim to meet with the doctor alone.
5. being a coward/breaking his word and running away with the doctor
6. Keep Jim close and “halloo” when help is needed

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7. the doctor waving Jim on to run
8. biscuit and fried junk
9. The bones of Allardyce were the points of a compass to help find the treasure.

### CHAPTERS 32-33

1. Gunn singing out from the trees in front of them "Fifteen men on the dead man's chest—Yo-ho-ho, and a bottle of rum!"
2. Dick took out his Bible and prayed.
3. Ghosts don't have shadows so they can't have echos either.
4. Ben Gunn
5. The treasure had been stolen.
6. two-guinea
7. He shot him dead.
8. Ben Gunn's account of finding and re-hiding the treasure.
9. They would have shot down Silver with the other pirates.
10. Gray
11. "you're a prodigious villain and imposter"
12. in the cave of Gunn

### Project—N.C. Wyeth

Newell Convers Wyeth (1882-1945) was a student of the artist Howard Pyle and is one of America's greatest illustrators. During his lifetime, Wyeth created over 3,000 paintings and illustrated 112 books, including *Treasure Island*. Many of his paintings are on display at the Brandywine River Museum in Chadds Ford, PA. This image, the painting of Billy Bones, and the cover painting are all from Wyeth's famous interpretation of *Treasure Island*. Take a field trip to this museum if you can. It is well worth the visit!

### CHAPTER 34

1. sorting coins into bread bags
2. the drunk singing of the pirates
3. tobacco
4. One of the pirates shot at them.
5. 300-400 guineas
6. 19 days
7. Jim imagined that Silver, his wife and the parrot lived out the rest of their days together in comfort.

