

1st TERM LITERATURE EXAM Herman Melville's "Moby Dick"

1 Underline the right words.

- (a) Queequeg comes / does not come from a whaling family.
- (b) Fedallah / Captain Ahab can see the future.
- (c) Captain Boomer has only one ear / arm.
- (d) Herman Melville was born in 1891 / 1819
- (e) One night / morning Fedallah saw the white whale.
- (f) Captain Ahab has only one eye / leg.
- (g) Starbuck wants to find Moby Dick / other whales.
- (h) Ishmael was rescued by the crew of the Albatross / Rachel.

2 Put the words in the sentences.

afraid angry crazy excited happy interesting strange tired

- (a) Ishmael is _____ when he arrives in Nantucket.
- (b) Elijah gives Ishmael a _____ look.
- (c) Ishmael is _____ after he talks to Elijah.
- (d) Starbuck is never _____.
- (e) The men on the Pequod are _____.
- (f) Captain Ahab is _____ when he talks to his men.
- (g) The men are _____ after Captain Ahab talks to them.
- (h) Starbuck thinks that Captain Ahab's plan is _____.

3 Who

Elijah Starbuck Captain Gardiner Fedallah Stubb Queequeg Ishmael
Pip Captain Boomer One of Stubb's men Mary the barman

- (a) wears a strange white hat and has almost no teeth? _____
- (b) always shouts but is never angry? _____
- (c) said that Captain Ahab is the devil? _____
- (d) is not married? _____
- (e) does not want to help Captain Ahab? _____
- (f) broke his arm _____
- (g) has a room for Ishmael? _____
- (h) wanted to kill Captain Ahab? _____
- (i) lost his son at sea? _____
- (j) was in Ahab's cabin when the ship went down? _____
- (k) is Starbuck's wife? _____
- (l) is the son of a Maori chief? _____

4 Does Captain Ahab do these things? Write yes (Y) or no (N)

- (a) He goes out in the last small whaling boat. _____
- (b) He tries to kill Stubb. _____
- (c) He thinks about money. _____
- (d) He talks to the captain of the Titanic. _____
- (e) He tries to find Captain Gardiner's son. _____
- (f) He offers a reward to the first who sees the white whale. _____
- (g) He thinks about his family every day. _____
- (h) He smiles when he sees the whale. _____

5 When do these things happen? Number them 1–8.

- (a) Ishmael wants Starbuck to shoot Captain Ahab. _____
- (b) Ishmael meets Queequeg for the first time. _____
- (c) Captain Ahab throws his maps into the ocean. _____
- (d) Captain Gardiner asks Captain Ahab for help. _____
- (e) The Pequod sinks. _____
- (f) Captain Ahab loses his hat. _____
- (g) The men fight sharks. _____
- (h) They catch four whales in one day. _____

6 Are these sentences about the whalers true (T) or false (F)?

- (a) They put lights on the end of their harpoons. _____
- (b) They think that Captain Ahab is dangerous. _____
- (c) They tell Captain Ahab to forget the white whale. _____
- (d) They try to kill Captain Ahab. _____
- (e) They hear the calls of dead sailors. _____
- (f) They look for Captain Gardiner's son. _____
- (g) Some of them laugh when Captain Ahab loses his hat. _____

7 How does Captain Gardiner feel when he leaves Captain Ahab? Why?

8 When do these people die? Number them 1–5

- (a) Queequeg _____
(b) Captain Ahab _____
(c) Starbuck and Pip _____
(d) The men in the boat _____
(e) Fedallah _____

9 What is the right answer?

- (a) Captain Ahab talks to _____ about his family.
(1) Ishmael (2) Fedallah (3) Starbuck
- (b) Ishmael thinks that Moby Dick is .
(1) beautiful (2) ugly (3) afraid
- (c) The whalers are _____ when they cannot find Fedallah.
(1) interested (2) happy (3) not sad
- (d) On the third day, there is/are only _____ whaling boat(s) left on the Pequod.
(1) one (2) two (3) three
- (e) The whale's body feels _____.
(1) warm (2) cold (3) soft
- (f) Captain Ahab dies _____.
(1) with a rope around his body (2) when the Pequod goes down (3) in the whale's mouth
- (g) Ishmael is in the water for two _____.
(1) hours (2) days (3) weeks

10 Why are these things important to whalers? Please write a short answer.

- oil barrels _____
- harpoons _____
- maps _____
- the weather _____

11 Try to answer and explain

Why did people kill whales?

12 Answer these questions with one word from the word list.

barrel coffins body bone death captain row sharks oil harpoon
dreams huge rope devil sails stars whale gold evil God

- (a) How big are whales? _____
- (b) What dangerous animals live in the ocean? _____
- (c) What do ships use if they have no engine? _____
- (d) With what can you navigate during night time? _____
- (e) In what are dead people are often buried? _____
- (f) What is one of the most precious metals? _____
- (g) What do people have when they sleep? _____
- (h) What is the biggest animal on the planet? _____
- (i) What did you have to do to move forward in a small boat? _____
- (j) What was a very common form of a container back in the days? _____

13 What lessons can we learn from this story?