

Unit 5 Great Stories

1) Match the type of stories to the definitions.

1) Anecdote

A) A story having religious base and a message.

2) Fable

B) Exaggerated Comedy.

3) Parable

C) A story amusing or interesting account of a real incident.

4) Myth

D) Untrue but realistic story.

5) Fairy tale

E) Moral bearing story with animal character.

6) Legend

F) A story where vices and folly are ridiculed.

7) Tragic tale

G) A story having historical base but may not be true.

8) Fiction

H) A traditional story especially originated in ancient time.

9) Farce

I) A children's story about magical and imaginary beings and lands

10) Satire

J) A sad story having an unhappy ending.

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Read the review of the classic novel, *Moby Dick*. As you read, look for the answer to the following question – Did the writer of the review enjoy *Moby Dick*? Which part(s) of the review tell you this?

Moby Dick

Moby Dick is one of the world's great adventure stories. It was written by the American author, Herman Melville, in 1851. It is the story of a mad sea captain, Captain Ahab, and his hunt for the great white whale, Moby Dick.

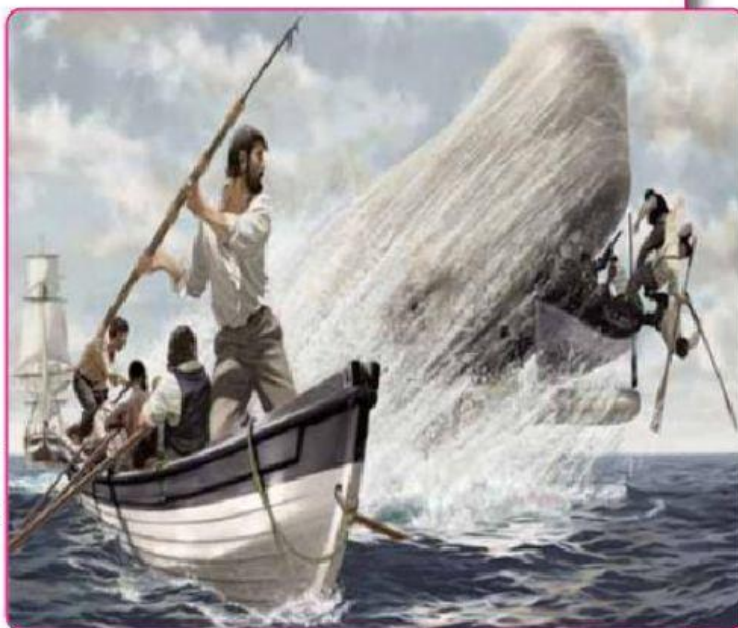
The story is told by one of the crew members, Ishmael, on Captain Ahab's ship, the *Pequod*. Ishmael tells us that Captain Ahab has a false leg. We learn he lost his real leg on a previous whale hunting trip, when Moby Dick bit it off. Now Captain Ahab has only one desire – revenge on Moby Dick.

The *Pequod* is a whaling ship with a crew from many different countries.

The men joined the ship to kill as many whales as possible and make lots of money from whale oil. But Captain Ahab tells them they are only going to hunt one whale – Moby Dick. The crew are very unhappy, but there is nothing they can do.

Finally, the *Pequod* finds Moby Dick. Captain Ahab orders his men to attack the whale and kill it. But instead, Moby Dick attacks the *Pequod* and sinks it. Ahab and all his crew are drowned. The only person to survive is Ishmael, the storyteller, who is saved by a passing ship.

Moby Dick is a very exciting and powerful story. It is also very interesting, because you learn a lot about whales, and life at sea on a whaling ship. The character of Captain Ahab is especially complex. We feel sorry for him, but at the same time he makes us angry. In the end, his crew die just because of his mad desire for revenge. I would definitely recommend *Moby Dick* to anyone who enjoys adventure stories and tales of the sea.



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