

Literature Ex. – Moby-dick

Based on Moby-dick's chapters 6-10 by Herman Melville (version Classic Starts from Sterling Children's Books), complete the activities proposed below.



Chapters 6-10

A. Answer the following questions based on the story. DO NOT USE MORE THAN FOUR WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER.

1. How long was the *Pequod* expected to be international waters? _____
2. What was Starbuck's priority when being on a voyage? _____
3. Where did harpooners usually have their meal? _____
4. What did Captain Ahab offer to the first man who sighted the white whale? _____
5. Who disagreed with the plan of chasing Moby-Dick? _____
6. Which three things did Captain Ahab know about the whale(s)?
- _____
- _____
- when and where _____
7. What did the crew use to reach Moby-Dick when it was seen the first time? _____
8. What was the weather like while the crew was trying to hunt Moby-Dick? _____

B. Based on the story, decide if the following statements are (T) true, (F) false, or (NG) not given.

1. Captain Ahab used to be rude while on board. _____
2. Ishmael felt really excited about being part of a whale hunting mission. _____
3. Unfortunately, one man died after the first battle against Moby-Dick. _____
4. Queequeg had heard stories about the enormous whale before. _____

C. Match each sentence with the character of the story who said it.

- A "If a man is not afraid of a whale, I don't want him on my ship"
B "Going down to my dark cabin feels like going into my own tomb"
C "Does he have old corkscrew-shaped harpoons stuck to his side?"
D "Are you often tossed into the sea while trying to capture a whale?"
E "If you see bubbles, give a shout!"
F "You're heading out for a long voyage, but you're in good hands."

- Captain Ahab
Queequeg
Peleg
Starbuck
Ishmael
Captain Ahab

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D. Complete the sentences below using one word ONLY.

1. Starbuck, the first mate of the Pequod, was born in _____ and had great deal of experience on whaling ships.
2. The gruff and grumpy third mate was named _____.
3. The harpooners have one of the most important jobs on a ship; so, they are treated like _____.
4. Being in the _____ allows sailors to view things from a great distance.
5. Moby-Dick had taken Captain Ahab's _____, and he wanted him to pay.
6. Ishmael wondered if all this worry and concern would drive Captain Ahab _____.
7. In a quiet afternoon a man of the crew shouted: " _____," as soon as he saw the enormous whale.
8. With great strength Queequeg threw his _____ at the whale but it missed and sank into the water.

E. Based on the story match the halves (1-8) and (A-K) correctly. There are three extra halves in column B you DO NOT NEED TO USE.

COLUMN A

1. The bubbles were a sign
2. Some sailors believed
3. Captain Ahab only cared
4. Sailors knew that it was a good sign
5. Everybody moved quickly,
6. Things can change in an instance
7. All the crew worked hard
8. Rope is an important tool

COLUMN B

- A. about finding the big whale.
- B. but it was not the white whale.
- C. Captain Ahab did not take care of them.
- D. that whales were breathing out.
- E. to hunt and drag every whale caught.
- F. to meet a cloudy group of tiny fish.
- G. the whale was taunting them.
- H. if his men were going to live to tell his story.
- I. and people should be ready to react quickly
- J. because their enemy was chasing them.
- K. that should be treated with respect.

F. Imagine you are a member of the crew in the Pequod. Complete the sentences below using proper grammar and vocabulary.

1. If you see a whale, _____.
2. If Captain Ahab was under my command, _____.
3. Knowing how to make knots is useful if _____.
4. If I saw Moby-Dick during my watch, _____.
5. If I had Queequeg's skills, _____.
6. If I don't wet the ropes during a hunting, _____.