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Place and Date: Ecuador, February, 2022

MOBY DICK, THE WHITE WHALE

Part 2

PRE-READING

Vocabulary

1. Match each word with a picture.

Ill:	Sea chest:
Harpooner:	Typhoon:
Devil:	Entangled:
Musket:	



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After some days **the Pequod** encounters, a British ship called **the Samuel Enderby**. This ship gives news of **Moby Dick** but its captain **Dr. Bunker** warns Ahab to leave the whale alone.



Later, **Queequeg** becomes ill from fever and seems to approach death, so he asks for a coffin. The carpenter measures **Queequeg** for **his coffin** and builds it, but **Queequeg** returns to health and keeps the coffin as a **sea chest**.

Upon reaching **the Pacific Ocean**, Ahab asks **Perth, the blacksmith**, to make a harpoon to use against **Moby Dick**. **Perth** fashions a harpoon that Ahab demands be tempered with the blood of his **pagan harpooners**, and he screams out that he baptizes the harpoon in "*the name of the devil*".



The next ship that the Pequod meets is **the Bachelor**, a Nantucket ship whose captain denies the existence of Moby Dick.

The Pequod soon comes upon a typhoon on its journey in the Pacific, and while battling this storm the Pequod's compass moves out of alignment. Starbuck goes to Ahab's cabin to tell him the situation and he finds **the old man** asleep but **Starbuck** thinks that it is a good opportunity to kill Ahab with his musket, but he cannot move himself and listens to Ahab in his sleep "*Moby Dick, I clutch thy heart at last*", and he runs afraid out the cabin.

Glossary: *clutch=catch/take - thy: your*

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Now, **the Pequod** comes toward another ship, **the Rachel**, whose captain, **Gardiner**, knows Ahab. He requests the Pequod's help in searching for Gardiner's son, who is lost at the sea, but Ahab refuses when he learns that Moby Dick is nearby.

The final ship that the Pequod meets is **the Delight**, a ship that has recently seen Moby Dick.

The Pequod finally finds **Moby Dick**. The fight against Moby Dick lasts three days. **On the first**



day, Moby Dick attacks Ahab's boat, but Ahab survives the ordeal when he reaches **Stubb's boat**.

On the second day of the chase, Moby Dick breaks Ahab's ivory leg, while **Fedallah** dies when he



becomes entangled in the harpoon line and is drowned. After this second attack, Ahab declares that the chase against Moby Dick is immutably decreed, and pursues it for a third day.

On the third day of the attack against **Moby Dick**, the crew are afraid with panic and the whale destroys the Pequod. **Ahab** finally stabs the whale with his harpoon, but the whale hits **the Pequod** and destroys it. In a seemingly suicidal act, Ahab throws his harpoon at Moby Dick but he becomes entangled in the line and goes down with the whale into the sea.



For better understanding, watch the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eHrxPANXbj8>

Only **Ishmael** survives this journey, because he fortunately sails on **Queeque's coffin** for some days



alone and is rescued by **the Rachel** as its captain continues his search for his missing son... **"he has rescued a different orphan"**.

THE END

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READING ACTIVITIES

Close reading

2. Complete the sentences.

- a) At the Spouter Inn
- b) At the church Father Mapple
- c) Ahab
- d) Jeroboam

- a) wants to kill the whale to get revenge.
- b) is a ship with a lot of sick people.
- c) Ishmael and Queequeg spend the night before the voyage.
- d) Father Mapple talks about falsehood

3. Answer the questions. Choose the correct answer.

a) Where is Queequeg from?

•Nantucket

•New Zealand

•German

b) Who is the seer in the story?

•Pip

•Ahab

•Elijah

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- c) Why is Ahab angry with Moby Dick?
 - Because it takes his leg
 - Because it has a Jonah in the stomach
 - Because people hate this animal
- d) Why does Pip lose his sanity?
 - because he sees Moby Dick and tries to hunt
 - because he kills the white whale
 - because he get afraid and falls into the water