

The Rime of the Ancient Mariner

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Worksheet

Level: C1

Focus: Listening comprehension, interpretation, literary analysis

Task 1 – While Watching (Note-taking)

Watch the video and complete the notes:

- The poem belongs to the _____ literary movement.
- The main character commits a crucial act by killing a _____.
- This act brings _____ consequences to the ship and crew.
- The journey takes place mainly in the _____ region.
- The mariner's story is told from a _____ perspective.
- The poem includes both natural and _____ elements.
- The albatross symbolizes _____ or _____.
- The crew's fate is decided by _____ figures.
- The mariner is the only _____ of the journey.
- The poem explores the mariner's _____ state.

Task 2 – Detailed Listening (Multiple Choice)

Choose the correct answer (A, B, C, or D):

1. What literary movement is the poem associated with?
 - A) Realism
 - B) Romanticism
 - C) Modernism
 - D) Classicism
2. What triggers the negative events in the story?
 - A) A storm
 - B) A betrayal
 - C) Killing the albatross
 - D) A shipwreck
3. What kind of imagery is strongly present in the poem?
 - A) Urban
 - B) Scientific
 - C) Natural and supernatural
 - D) Historical
4. What happens to the crew?

- A) They escape safely
 - B) They disappear
 - C) They die
 - D) They mutiny
5. Who survives the journey?
- A) The captain
 - B) The crew
 - C) The mariner
 - D) No one
6. What does the poem emphasize?
- A) Technology
 - B) Logic
 - C) Emotion and nature
 - D) Politics
7. What role does the albatross play?
- A) A villain
 - B) A symbol
 - C) A guide
 - D) A narrator
8. How is the story presented?
- A) As a diary
 - B) As a third-person narrative
 - C) As a personal account
 - D) As a play

Task 3 – Short Answers

Answer briefly (1–2 sentences):

- Why is the mariner's action considered significant?
- How does the environment react to his action?
- What psychological effect does the journey have on the mariner?
- What role do supernatural elements play in the story?
- Why is the mariner's survival important?

Task 4 – Higher-level Interpretation

Answer in more detail:

- What does the poem suggest about the relationship between humans and nature?
- How does guilt influence the mariner's development?
- Why is the poem considered a Romantic work?
- What message does the poem communicate about consequences?
- How reliable is the mariner as a narrator?

Task 5 – Critical Thinking Discussion

Discuss:

- Is the mariner a victim or responsible for his fate?
- Can one mistake define a person's life?
- What modern parallels can you find to this story?
- How does society punish wrongdoing today compared to the poem?