

Worksheet/Quiz for “Rime of the Ancient Mariner”

1. Describe the Ancient Mariner physically.
2. Why does the Wedding Guest stop to listen to the Mariner (even though it means he will miss the wedding)?
3. Where is the ship blown by the raging storm?
4. What sort of trouble do the sailors find themselves in?
5. What good event do the sailors associate with the albatross?
6. Why does the Mariner kill the albatross?
7. When the Mariner kills the albatross, first his shipmates {curse/praise} him because
8. Then they {curse/praise} him because
9. Then, finally, they {curse/praise} him because
10. As a symbol of the Mariner’s guilt, the albatross is
11. Who are the two passengers on the “rescue ship”?
12. What do the Mariner’s shipmates do as they expire?

13. What is “worse than an orphan’s curse”?

14. What must the Mariner do before he is able to pray?

15. What relief is sent to the mariner, and by whom?

16. How can a ship sail if all her crew are dead?

17. What is “penance”? Has the Mariner done his yet?

18. Why are the Pilot and the Pilot’s Boy afraid?

19. Why isn’t the hermit afraid?

20. What finally happens to the ship?

21. Why was this particular Guest singled out by the Mariner to hear his tale?

22. What is the lesson of the tale that the Mariner preaches?