

Glossary for *Treasure Island*

A

abeam, *adv.* from one side to the other across a ship

aloft, *adv.* above the deck of a ship

alow, *adv.* below the deck of a ship

ambush, *v.* to make a surprise attack

B

bearings, *n.* the location or position of something based on information from a compass

berth, *n.* an area below deck where crew members would sleep (**berths**)

brim, *v.* to become full or overflowing (**brimming**)

broach, *v.* to open (**broached**)

buccaneer, *n.* a pirate

bulk, *n.* most; the larger part of something

bulkhead, *n.* a wall in a ship dividing it into watertight sections

C

cabin boy, *n.* someone hired to wait on the passengers and crew of a ship

cache, *n.* a hiding place for supplies or treasures

captivate, *v.* to fascinate or capture one's attention (**captivated**)

coach, *n.* a horse-drawn carriage with four wheels

company, *n.* 1. visitors or guests; 2. companionship; 3. a ship's crew and officers

cove, *n.* a small area along a coast sheltered by hills or mountains

craft, *n.* a ship or boat

cutlass, *n.* a short, thick sword with a curved blade

D

deduce, *v.* to figure out or draw a conclusion (**deduced**)

dell, *n.* a small, secluded valley with trees and grass

depose, *v.* to remove someone from office or a high rank (**deposed**)

desertion, *n.* a departure without permission and without intending to return; the act of giving up and ignoring responsibilities

desolate, *adj.* lacking people, plants, animals, and other things that make a place feel welcoming

doubloon, *n.* a gold coin formerly used in Spain or Spanish America (**doubloons**)

duplicity, *n.* dishonest behavior meant to trick someone

E

ensue, *v.* to follow right after another event (**ensued**)

excavation, *n.* a place in the ground where material has been dug up and removed

excursion, *n.* a short trip

F

farthing, *n.* a coin worth less than a penny formerly used in Great Britain

fathom, n. a length of about 6 feet used to measure water depth (**fathoms**)

forelock, n. a lock of hair at the top of one's forehead

G

gargoyle, n. a stone carving of a strange figure used as decoration on a building, usually a cathedral or Gothic structure

guinea, n. a gold coin formerly used in Great Britain (**guineas**)

H

helm, n. a wheel or lever used to steer a ship

hostage, n. a person held prisoner until another group or person meets demands

hourglass, n. a tool that uses sand to measure a fixed amount of time, usually an hour

hummock, n. a rounded hill or mound

I

iconic, adj. commonly known and widely recognized

impending, adj. about to occur

insolence, n. rude behavior or speech

L

lash, v. to tie down with a rope or cord (**lashed**)

league, n. a unit of length about 3 miles long (**leagues**)

loot, n. things that have been stolen

luff, n. the front edge of a sail

M

magistrate, n. a local government official who has some of the powers of a judge (**magistrates**)

maroon, v. to abandon someone on an island (**marooned**)

moidore, n. a gold coin formerly used in Portugal or Brazil (**moidores**)

muck, v. to make dirty (**mucked**)

mutiny, n. a rebellion or uprising against those in charge on a ship

N

nautical, adj. relating to the sea or sailors

O

onslaught, n. an attack

outlandish, adj. odd, unusual, bizarre

P

pardon, n. a release from being punished for a crime

pitch, n. a thick, black, sticky substance made from tar used to cover roofs and pave roads

predicament, n. a difficult or dangerous situation

pretext, n. a pretend reason given to hide one's true reason for doing something

Q

quay, n. a dock; an area at the edge of a waterway where ships land, load, and unload

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

1.5
CONTINUED

TAKE-HOME

R

ransack, v. to search thoroughly, causing damage or disorder (**ransacked**)

right, v. to correct or put in an upright position (**righting**)

ringleader, n. the leader of a group that causes trouble or gets involved in illegal activity

S

sabre, n. a heavy sword with a sharp, curved edge

scarper, v. to flee or run away

schooner, n. a sailing ship with two or more masts

scoundrel, n. a wicked or disreputable person

scout, v. to explore an area to find information about it (**scouted**)

scurvy, adj. mean; not worthy of respect

seafaring, adj. working, traveling, or living on the sea

sequin, n. a gold coin formerly used in Venice, Malta, or Turkey (**sequins**)

shipwreck, v. to cause a passenger or crew member to experience the destruction of a ship (**shipwrecked**)

shroud, v. to cover or conceal (**shrouded**)

spyglass, n. a small telescope used to see things in the distance

squall, n. a sudden, powerful wind with rain, snow, or sleet (**squalls**)

squire, n. an English gentleman who owns a large estate or piece of land

stave, n. a verse or stanza of a song

stockade, n. a barrier made of upright posts used for protection or defense

stroke, n. a sudden loss of feeling or consciousness brought on by a lack of oxygen in the brain caused by a broken or blocked blood vessel

stun, v. to shock or amaze (**stunned**)

superstitious, adj. having irrational fears about mysterious things or the unknown

T

taunt, v. to make fun of or tease (**taunted**)

treacherous, adj. dangerous or difficult to handle

treachery, n. a betrayal; an act of hurting someone who trusts you

truce, n. an agreement between enemies to stop fighting for a certain period of time

U

Union Jack, n. the official flag of Great Britain

unison, n. agreement; the same way at the same time

W

well-being, n. the state of being happy, healthy, and comfortable

Y

yarn, n. a tale or an adventure story