## Unit 8 Treasure Island



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## Characteristics of Adventure Stories

Main Character

The main character may seem ordinary at first, but they will show impressive qualities like courage and determination during their adventures!

## Setting and Plot

Adventure stories typically take place in a far away, imaginary land. They are exciting because the main character must complete a dangerous task. There is often a villain and a lot of suspense!

Themes

perseverance bravery friendship loyalty acceptance honesty

























In Chapter 1, we meet Jim Hawkins, who is the narrator of Treasure Island. Jim is a young boy who lives with his parents and helps them run the Admiral Benbow Inn. A mysterious captain named Billy Bones shows up at the Inn hoping to hide from other seafaring men. He stays at the Inn for months without paying.

One day, an angry seaman named Black Dog arrives at the Inn and gets into a sword fight with Billy Bones. The captain has a stroke and is instructed by Dr. Livesey to rest for a week. The captain tells Jim, "Captain Flint's men are here— or all that's left of the old crew. I was Flint's first mate, and I'm the only one who knows the place where he hid his loot. But don't tell the doctor unless they get me with the black spot, you see Black Dog again, or a seafaring man with one leg. Keep an eye out for him above all!" That same night, Jim's own father dies.

A blind, old man appears at the Inn the day after Jim's father's funeral. The blind man gives the captain a slip of paper with a black spot and a message that says, "You have till ten tonight." After reading it, the captain falls to the floor and dies. The black spot is a warning that a crew is on their way to kill him and steal his treasure.



In Chapter 2, Jim and his mother decide to open Captain Billy Bone's chest. They take the money the captain owed them for his stay and a bundle wrapped in oilcloth. Suddenly, they hear the tapping of the blind man's walking stick and hide in a ditch! From their hiding spot, they watch the blind man and a crew of other men search the captain's chest. We learn that the blind man's name is Pew. Pew orders the crew to forget the money and find Flint's map.

They search the Inn up and down, but cannot find the map. The crew gets nervous and begs Pew to leave before they get caught. In the distance, they hear officers galloping on horses and a warning shot from a pistol. The crew scatters in different directions, but Pew gets left behind. One of the horses knocks him down, tramples over him, and ultimately kills him.

Jim jumps out of the ditch and leaves him mom safely with the officers. Then he makes his way to Dr. Livesey's house to tell him and Squire Trelawney what happened. Together they open the bundle. They find an account book and Flint's map. Swept away with excitement, they produce a plan to find the treasure themselves! The squire sets out to find a schooner and sailing crew. The squire finds a one-legged man named Long John Silver to be their cook at sea. Jim will be their cabin boy.



In Chapter 3, Jim says farewell to his mother and heads to a tavern in Bristol to meet the sailing crew. Jim worries that Long John Silver may be the seafaring man Captain Billy Bones warned him about. However, after Jim meets Silver for the first time, he is convinced there is nothing to fear. Silver is tall, strong, and intelligent. Although he is missing his left leg and walks with a crutch, he seems clean and likeable.

From across the room, Jim spotted Black Dog jumping out of his seat and ducking out the door. Jim cried out, "Someone stop him!" Two men chase after him, but he escapes. The moment Jim saw Black Dog in Silver's tavern, he sensed something was wrong. Jim thought, "Why was he there, and was Silver telling the truth when he said he did not know him? I watched Silver closely, but he continued to create the impression that he was an honest man."

Everyone boards the *Hispaniola* and Jim is introduced to Captain Smollett. The captain says to the squire, "I have a bad feeling about this voyage, and I don't care for some the seamen you've hired." The captain is afraid the crew may mutiny and warns the squire to hide the map in a secret place. The next morning, they set sail. Silver introduces his parrot named "Cap'n Flint" to Jim.



In Chapter 4, we learn that the squire purchased a large barrel of apples for the crew to share. One night, Jim went to the barrel and found there were only a few apples left, so he had to climb into the barrel to get one. While in the barrel, Jim hears Long John Silver and Dick enter the room. While secretly listening to the men, Jim comes to the realization that the men are dishonest pirates. Silver tries to convince another man named Israel Hands to join the mutiny he is planning. The plan is to kill the squire and doctor once they bring the treasure aboard because "dead men don't bite." Just then, the lookout shouts, "Land ahoy!"

Everyone aboard heads to the deck. Silver tells the captain they have reached Skeleton Island. He points out a place on the map called the Spyglass which he says is the best spot to explore. After Silver is out of sight, Jim meets with the captain, the doctor, and the squire. He tells them everything. They realize only 7 out of 26 people on board can be trusted. Those 7 must make a plan to fight Silver and his men when they least expect it. The captain becomes nervous and makes the decision to let Silver take charge to avoid mutiny for the time being. Jim and the crew get off and start exploring the island.



Chapter 5 begins with Jim exploring Treasure Island by himself. Jim hears Silver and a man named Tom arguing in the distance. Jim hides behind some trees and listens closely. Silver tries to convince Tom to join the mutiny. Tom refuses and walks away. Silver angrily hurls his crutch at Tom's back which instantly breaks his spine. Jim is terrified and looks away, but when he looks up again, he sees Silver standing next to Tom's dead body. Silver pulls out a whistle and calls the other pirates for help.

Jim runs away as fast as he can. He fears he may be next. He sees a dark shaggy man leap behind a tree trunk. Jim pulls out his pistol. The man jumps out in the open and begs to mercy. The filthy man introduces himself as Ben Gunn. Gunn explains that he was a member of Flint's crew with Billy Bones and Long John Silver when Flint buried his treasure on the island. Flint took 6 men ashore with him to help but returned alone. Later, Gunn came across the island while serving on another ship. Him and his shipmates searched for 12 days, but no treasure was found. Furious, Gunn's shipmates abandoned him. He has been marooned on the island for 3 years.

Suddenly, they hear a cannon and gunfire. Fighting has broken out. Gunn asks Jim to run and find the squire. Gunn says he is rich and wants to speak with the squire privately about giving up his gold for safe passage home. Jim runs to the ship but sees it has been taken over by pirates and is now flying the Jolly Roger. Then he makes his way through the woods until he finds a stockade with the Union Jack flying. There, he finds his friends and they exchange stories.



Chapter 6 Summary

In Chapter 6, Jim wakes up to find Silver and one of his men waving a white cloth. Silver cries out, "Flag of truce!" Silver promises he will sail them back to safety, if they hand over the map. Captain Smollett makes a counteroffer to arrest and take the mutineers back to England, where they will get a fair trial. The captain sends Silver away, then both parties get themselves prepared to fight.

The battle is short and vicious. Ten of Silver's men are now dead. Two from Jim's party are dead, and the captain is badly wounded. Dr. Livesey grabs his weapons, slips the map into his pocket, and disappears to find Ben Gunn. Jim also arms himself and slips away when nobody is watching, leaving only two men to guard the stockade.

Jim heads to the shore and finds a small boat that Benn Gunn built. He worries that the mutineers might be planning to raise anchor and sail away. To prevent this, Jim decides to cut the anchor loose that night. He hopes the ship will drift ashore and get stuck. However, the ship doesn't drift toward shore but out to open sea. Jim's small boat gets caught up in the current as well. He falls asleep on the boat. When he wakes up, he notices the ship appears to be recklessly sailing as if nobody is steering. Jim finds a way to climb aboard. He finds Israel Hands and another pirate sprawled on the deck. Hands is barely alive and says, "Help me!"



Chapter 7 begins with Jim leaving Israel Hands on deck, then rushing to inspect the ship's cabin. The pirates had ransacked the ship in search of the map. Jim grabs a cup of water and rushes it to Hands, then says, "Mr. Hands, I am taking possession of this ship. From now on, I am your captain." Jim takes down the Jolly Roger. Hands agrees to teach Jim to sail if he helps him tie up his wound. Hands guides Jim as he navigates the ship, then suggests Jim go down to the cabin for food. Suspecting a trick, Jim spies Hands getting up to retrieve a dagger and conceal it in his jacket.

Jim is sure Hands will not attack until the ship is safely anchored, so he returns with food and continues navigating. As they approach the beach, Hands pulls out his dagger and charges after Jim. The two engage in a fight for their lives. Jim is struck in the shoulder with the dagger. Jim then fires his pistol and Hands plunges headfirst into the water.

Jim climbs off the boat and returns to the stockade. The stockade is dark and quiet until the squawks of Silver's parrot break the silence. Jim turns to run but collides with Silver. The mutineers tie Jim up and make him their prisoner. Silver says Jim has no choice now but to join the mutiny. Jim tells Silver that he won't join the pirates, and that he is the one who cost Silver his ship, the treasure, and his men.



In Chapter 8, the angry pirates are all for killing Jim, but Silver reminds them that Jim will be more valuable as a hostage than dead. The pirates step outside together to talk without Silver. Silver stays with Jim and tells him that Dr. Livesey has given him the map. Silver strikes a bargain. He will protect Jim, if Jim will do the same for him.

The pirates come back inside. A pirate named George Merry presents Silver a piece of paper marked with the black spot and the word *Deposed*. Merry explains their grievances. Silver dramatically whips out the treasure map. The pirates are thrilled and forget their grievances. Silver tells them to find a new captain, but they unanimously cry, "Silver for cap'n! John Silver forever!"

The next morning, everyone set off to find the treasure. Silver reminds the men how lucky they are to have him as their leader. Jim is tethered to a rope and Silver pulls him along like an obedient puppy. Up ahead, they find a skeleton that has been positioned in the direction of the treasure. They reach the top of the hill and see 3 tall trees that match those near the treasure on the map.



In Chapter 9, the men hear a ghostly voice from the trees. The men are struck with terror, believing it's the ghost of Captain Flint. However, they soon realize it's the voice of Benn Gunn. None of the men fear him, dead or alive! So, the search continues. Jim begins to fear Silver will kill every honest man and sail away with the treasure.

They finally get to the spot but come to a halt when they realize the treasure has already been found. The half a million pounds are gone. In an instant, Silver hands Jim a pistol and whispers, "Stand by for trouble." George Merry whips out his cutlass and shouts, "Those two are to blame! Silver and the boy! Let's get 'em!" Dr. Livesey, Gray, and Benn Gunn step out of the thicket and begin shooting the pirates. Silver does not try to escape, instead he shoots Merry. Silver drops his weapons and throws his arm around Jim. He shouts, "I'm on your side now!" The last 3 living pirates turn and run for it.

Gunn tells Jim and Silver his story. Gunn explains that he found the gold and moved it to a cave two months ago. Once Dr. Livesey learned Gunn's secret, he realized the stockade and map were useless, so he surrendered them to Silver. Dr. Livesey then moved his crew to the cave.



**Chapter 9 – Part 2 Summary** 

Jim, Silver, Dr. Livesey, Gunn, and Gray all march back to shore, get into a landing boat, and row back to the ship. They sail to a spot near Gunn's cave. Captain Smollett is there guarding the cave. The captain is relieved to see the men have all returned, but confused why Silver is with them. Silver promises he's come back to do his duty.

Jim is amazed by the heaps of coins and stacks of golden bars. He stops to think about all the men who lost their lives hoping to find Flint's treasure. While they work to bring the treasure aboard, they hear the 3 remaining mutineers singing and shouting in the distance. They decide it's safest to maroon the pirates on the island with some food and supplies.

They sail to the nearest island port to hire more ship hands. When they return to the ship, Gunn makes a confession. He helped Silver escape with only a small sack of coins. No one is disappointed. The rest of the cruise back to Bristol goes smoothly. The five remaining members all get a share of the treasure and spend it according to their personalities. Long John Silver was never seen again.



































