Reading Notes

Jim Hawkins the narrator of the story; young boy
Dr. Livesey the doctor who tends to Jim’s father; confronts the captain
Admirable Benbow the name of the inn that Jim’s father runs
the captain/Billy Bones the old seaman with a scar on his cheek who lodges at the inn
Black Dog a seaman missing two fingers; looking for Bill at the inn

Vocabulary
Write the meaning of each bold word or phrase.

1. the **sabre** cut across one cheek, a dirty, **livid** white ________________________________
2. he drank slowly, like a **connoisseur** ____________________________________________________
3. seemed like a **mate** or **skipper** _________________________________________________________
4. a thousand **diabolical** expressions ______________________________________________________
5. wringing his hands after such a **rebuff** ___________________________________________________
6. the **ruffian** had told him __________________________________________________________________
7. if it’s only for a piece of **incivility** like tonight’s _____________________________________________
8. a pale, **tallowy** creature __________________________________________________________________
9. half **fawning**, half **sneering** __________________________________________________________________
10. exposed his great **sinewy** arm ____________________________________________________________

Comprehension Questions
Answer the following in complete sentences.

1. What does the captain ask Jim to do for him? How much does he pay Jim for this? ___________
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2. What haunts Jim’s dreams? Describe these dreams. ___________________________________________
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3. Contrast Dr. Livesey and the captain. Why is Dr. Livesey able to humiliate the captain who had terrorized everyone else? Where is Dr. Livesey mentioned before this encounter? ____________________________

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4. Why does Black Dog come to the inn, and what is the captain’s reaction to him? _______________

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5. What happens between Black Dog and the captain when Jim leaves the room? _________________

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Quotations
Identify the speaker of the following.

“I’m a plain man; rum and bacon and eggs is what I want.” ____________________________

“Silence, there, between decks!” ____________________________

“Ah, Bill, Bill, we have seen a sight of times, us two …” ____________________________

“If it comes to swinging, swing all, say I.” ____________________________

“I clear my conscience—the name of rum for you is death.” ____________________________

Discussion Questions

1. Describe the old seaman. Does he fit the description of a pirate? Why or why not?

2. Why do you think this particular dream keeps haunting Jim? Have you ever been haunted by something in a dream?

3. Would you call Black Dog and the captain friends? Why or why not?

4. What was Dr. Livesey’s advice to the captain? Do you agree with this advice?