

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? _____

2. What haunts Jim's dreams? Describe these dreams. _____

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? _____

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

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

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?