



Al-Oruba International Schools

English Novel

Girls Section (Gr.7)

American Section

Treasure Island

Chapters # 22,23,24 Study Guide

Chapter 22: How My Sea Adventure Began

The pirates don't attack again that day, so there's time for Doctor Livesey to tend to his patients: one of the pirates who got shot at the wall of the fort, Hunter, and Captain Smollett.

Of those three, only Captain Smollett recovers - he's been badly injured, but he'll live. Even so, the captain is now out of the action. He's not allowed to move or talk more than he must.

Squire Trelawney, Doctor Livesey, and Captain Smollett discuss what to do next.

Abraham Gray is totally astonished to see Doctor Livesey walking in the forest outside the fort.

Jim guesses correctly that Doctor Livesey is going to see Ben Gunn.

Jim feels more and more restless and cooped up. He decides to fill his pockets with biscuits, grab a couple pistols, and head out on his own.

He wants to return to that odd white boulder to see if Ben Gunn's boat is tied up there.

Jim knows he wouldn't be allowed to do this if he asked, so he decides to sneak out when no one is looking.

Jim doesn't even think about the fact that he's leaving only two able-bodied men to guard the fort, Abraham Gray and Squire Trelawney. He makes up his mind and goes.

Jim is enjoying his stroll down to the beach when, in the distance, he sees Long John Silver talking and laughing with a couple of crew members and holding his parrot, Captain Flint.

The two crew members get into a rowboat and set off for the Hispaniola.

The day is growing foggy and the sun is setting, so Jim creeps across to the white rock.

Sure enough, he sees a little tent hidden near the rock with a tiny homemade goatskin boat next to it.

Jim suddenly gets another bright idea: under the cover of night and fog, he decides to row quietly out to the Hispaniola, cut the rope attached to the anchor, and let it float off.

He waits until the dead of night, picks up the tiny boat, and sets it on the ocean to row out to the Hispaniola.

Chapter 23: The Ebb-Tide Runs

Jim finds that Ben Gunn's boat is light and floats well, but it's really hard to handle. He's really struggling to get the boat to go in the right direction.

Luckily for Jim, the current brings his tiny boat right to the Hispaniola.

Jim realizes that if he cuts the rope while it's pulled tight, it'll snap back and pull both him and his boat out of the water.

Again, luckily for Jim, the current shifts the Hispaniola so the rope is slack and he can cut it without danger.

During all this, Jim hears voices coming from the cabin of the ship.

He overhears Israel Hands talking to another pirate, the man with the red nightcap (kind of like the hat Santa Claus wears) who was the only surviving attacker on the fort earlier in the day.

They're incredibly angry and drunk.

On shore Jim can see a campfire with the remaining pirates. Someone is singing that old shanty "Dead Man's Chest."

Jim saws through the last strands of rope attaching the Hispaniola to its anchor.

He's having trouble rowing his little boat away from the much-larger ship because of the strong currents.

Jim grabs hold of a loose piece of rope.

He suddenly feels curious: what's happening in the cabin?

He climbs up for a last look.

He only has time to glimpse Israel Hands and the red-hatted pirate trying to strangle each other. The fact that they're fighting like this is lucky - it means

neither of them have noticed that the Hispaniola has started to move quickly on the current.

Jim's little boat suddenly lurches: it's being carried in the wake of the Hispaniola.

Jim worries that he's going to be swept out to open sea.

The Hispaniola turns so sharply that even the two fighting drunks inside realize something is wrong.

Jim tries to hide in the bottom of his boat, sure that he's about to run aground on rocks and die.

He finally grows so exhausted that he falls asleep in his boat and dreams of his old life back at the Admiral Benbow Inn.

Chapter 24: The Cruise of the Coracle

Jim wakes up and finds himself about a quarter of a mile offshore of the southwest end of the island.

He decides to row to shore but can't - there are so many rocks that it's not safe for him to get close.

He also sees sea lions on the coast, which freaks him out.

Jim decides to try rowing further north to an easier coastline: the Cape of the Woods. (Check out this map to see where the Cape of the Woods lies in relation to Jim's original location, Haulbowline Head.)

The boat carries Jim quickly along the current.

He tries to row in a slightly different position and the boat nearly tips over and gets drenched.

He has to move very carefully to remove the seawater with his cap.

He figures out a method for steering the boat, but he has to stay propped on his elbows in an uncomfortable position to keep it balanced.

Jim is relieved that he is approaching the shore because he's getting incredibly thirsty.

Suddenly he sees the Hispaniola about half a mile away.

The Hispaniola is sailing, but it doesn't seem to be following a steady course. Jim thinks the guys aboard are still drunk.

The Hispaniola keeps moving forward and backward, and Jim realizes that no one seems to be steering. Either the men aboard are drunk or have abandoned ship.

Jim thinks that, if he can get aboard, he could retake control of the Hispaniola for Captain Smollett.

He decides to try his luck, paddling his tiny boat towards the Hispaniola and eventually managing to catch up.

The current suddenly brings the Hispaniola around so that it collides with Jim's boat. He only just manages to leap for the ship's bowsprit (the pole sticking out of the front of the ship) just before it runs right over his boat.

So now Jim is back on board the Hispaniola without any means of rowing to shore.

II) QUESTIONS BANK

A) Answer the following questions:

1. Who is the doctor going to see and why? CH.22

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2. What is Jim's plan on and why is he doing this plan? CH.22

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3. How does Jim describe Ben Gunn's boat? CH.22

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4. Why does Jim say it was a night ten thousand for my purpose? CH.22

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5. Why doesn't Jim just cut the hawser rope connecting anchor immediately?
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6. When Jim peers into the ship what does he see and why is this lucky for him?
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7. What is Jim feeling emotionally and why? CH.23

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8. What does Jim see on treasure island that frightens him? CH.24

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9. What two things are driving forces behind Jim's desire to board the Hispaniola?
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10. How does Jim board the ship? CH.24

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B) Comment on the following quotations:

1." Why in the name of Davy Jones, is Dr. Livesey mad?" CH.22

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2. "I take it, the doctor has his idea; and if I am right, he's going now to see Ben Gunn." CH.22

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3. "Well, now, it is plain I must lie where I am, and not disturb the balance; but is plain, also, that I can put the paddle over the side, and from time to time, in smooth places, give her a shove or two towards land." CH.24

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4. "Clumsy fellows, they must still be drunk as owls." CH.24

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C) Choose the correct answer:

1-What does Jim plan to do with the Hispaniola after sailing out to it in the coracle?

- a) Sail it to shore
- b) Set it on fire
- c) Cut it loose
- d) Sail it home

2-What distraction prevents the pirates from noticing that Jim has cut the ship adrift?

- a) A fire
- b) An attractive woman
- c) A ghostly voice
- d) A wrestling match

3-What does Jim do after drifting too near to the pirates' campfire on shore?

- a) Prays
- b) Falls asleep
- c) Creates a distraction
- D) Answers A and B

4- What risk does Jim know that he runs by pursuing the drifting Hispaniola in his coracle?

- a) Being marooned at sea
- b) Being seen
- c) Disappointing Smollett
- d) Sinking

