

O Captain! My Captain!:

Answers

1. Who is the speaker of the poem?
 - a. **A sailor on a ship.**
 - b. The captain of a ship.
 - c. A bugle player.
2. Who is the captain of the ship?
 - a. Captain Smead.
 - b. President Washington.
 - c. **President Lincoln.**
3. “*Exulting*” in the third line means
 - a. Arguing with anger.
 - b. Shouting from fear.
 - c. **Celebrating with excitement.**
4. Which details help you understand what exulting means?
 - a. “*Our fearful trip is done.*”
 - b. “*The port is near.*”
 - c. “*While follow eyes the steady keel, the vessel grim and daring.*”
 - d. **“For you bouquets and ribbon’d wreaths—for you the shores a-crowding.”**
5. The crowd on shore is ready to cheer and celebrate
 - a. The ship won at sea.
 - b. **The captain of the ship who has won a great victory.**
 - c. The sailors who have cared for the ship.
6. At the end of the poem, what does the poem’s narrator realize has happened?
 - a. **The captain has died.**
 - b. The sailor is having a dream that the captain is dead.
 - c. The crowds on the shore learn the captain is dead.
 - d. The captain is dreaming that he is dead.
7. The main idea of the poem is
 - a. A crowd on shore is cheering as the ship returns from a journey.
 - b. The crew on the ship doesn’t understand that their captain is dead.
 - c. **A great victory has been won, but the ship’s captain is dead.**

