

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

- 1 (a) Jim Hawkins tells the story.
(b) Long John Silver has a parrot.
(c) Captain Flint has some gold.
- 2 *Student's own answer. Students can read Notes About This Story (pages 4 – 5) and recount what she/he has learnt if there is no access to reference books.*
- 3 *Student's own answer. Main details:*
Jim Hawkins: Lives at the Admiral Benbow Inn with his father and mother, is 12 years old when the story starts, travels as cabin boy on the 'Hispaniola' in search of Captain Flint's treasure, discovers that Long John Silver is a pirate and that the other sailors on the ship are pirates too, goes alone to the island and sees Long John Silver kill a man, meets Ben Gunn, is involved in a fight at the stockade with the pirates, sets the 'Hispaniola' adrift so the pirates won't find it, wins a fight with a pirate on the ship, is taken prisoner by Long John Silver when he returns to the stockade, is tied up and taken with the pirates when they dig for the treasure, is saved by Squire Trelawney and Dr Livesey and Ben Gunn, goes back to England, buys a large inn with his share of the treasure and uses the money to pay for his studies too.
Long John Silver: travels as cook on the 'Hispaniola', has one leg – his left leg is missing – and uses a crutch, has a parrot, is a tall, strong man with a clever face who laughs a lot, Jim likes him but the crew of the 'Hispaniola' are afraid of him, was a pirate in Captain Flint's crew, is in charge of the pirates who plan to dig up Flint's treasure, kills a sailor who will not join the pirates, fights against Captain Smollett and the others who are in the stockade, tries to arrange a truce and get the treasure map, organizes another attack on the stockade and wins it, takes Jim prisoner, organizes the search for the treasure, joins Dr Livesey and Squire Trelawney and their men when the pirates turn against him because the treasure has gone, sets off back to England on the 'Hispaniola' but takes 3000 pounds from the treasure and a small boat and disappears.
Blind Pew: comes to the Admiral Benbow dressed in ragged clothes, is blind and wears a green cloth over his eyes, taps a stick in front of him as he walks, gives the Captain the Black Spot, is killed when the Customs Men ride over him, was a pirate on Captain Flint's ship, was blinded by the same cannon shot which blew Long John Silver's leg off.
The Captain: is an old sailor, is tall and his face is brown from the sun, has white hair which is tied in a tail at the back of his head, wears an old blue coat, has a wooden sea-chest, comes to the Admiral Benbow at the beginning of the story, gets drunk on rum, asks Jim to watch out for a man with one leg, is called Captain Bill by a stranger, is given the Black Spot by Blind Pew and he dies soon afterwards, a leather packet containing Captain Flint's map and gold coins are found in his sea-chest.
Black Dog: is dirty and has a ragged beard, has a hard, cruel face, fights with Captain Bill at the Admiral Benbow.
Ben Gunn: is the strangest man Jim has ever seen, has long white hair and a long beard, has torn and ragged clothes and a leather belt, was marooned on the island three years before the 'Hispaniola' arrived, was a pirate on Captain Flint's ship, has a small boat, found Flint's treasure while he was alone on the island, took it out of the chest and carried it to a cave, is taken back to England and has a share of the treasure, spends his money in three weeks and becomes a beggar.
- 4 *Captain Smollett:* Every day Captain Smollett wrote in the ship's log./So, we have a crew of pirates.
Squire Trelawney: He lived in a large white house on the hill outside the village./This map shows us where Flint buried his treasure.
Doctor Livesey: I've found Ben Gunn./He became a wealthy doctor in London.
- 5 *Student's own answers. (a) – (d)*
Key words to help understanding of these stories need to be chosen.
- 6 *Student's own answer.*
(a) *Pictures in reference books of Caribbean islands could give ideas for description.*
(b) and (c) *See page 19 for ideas.*
- 7 *Student's own answer. Ideas for details to include:*
Jim asking questions and Long John Silver telling him what he has done since they last met. Long John Silver asking questions and Jim telling him what he has done and about Doctor Livesey, Captain Smollett, Squire Trelawney and Ben Gunn. Long John Silver and Jim talking about what happened many years ago on the 'Hispaniola' and on the island. *It is useful to remember that they liked each other then so they will probably do so now.*