

Study Questions for *Treasure Island*

7th Grade Required Summer Reading

Answer these questions in complete sentences and in paragraph form on a separate piece of paper. Bring your answers and discussion questions on the first day of school.

1. What is the book about? Summarize the plot of the book in eight to ten complete sentences.
2. Why does Stevenson put Jim into the narrative, and then take him out? What purpose does this serve?
3. How does Jim Hawkins change during the course of the novel? Explain with at least three specific examples from the story.
4. The characters have differing degrees of morality (beliefs in right and wrong). Which characters have higher moral standards? Which have lower moral standards? What are the consequences of both sets of characters? Be sure to talk about specific characters and their actions.
5. What makes Stevenson's writing powerful? Select one of your favorite descriptive passages and use it to discuss Stevenson's vivid descriptions.