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# SUMMER READING 9th Grade

## *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson

Ninth grade students are required to read *Treasure Island*, and they should be prepared to take a written test on it during the first week of school.

SEE ATTACHED PAGES FOR MORE INFORMATION.

# Study Guide for *Treasure Island*

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade English

As you read *Treasure Island* this summer, you should pay attention to four main areas: characters, plot, setting and vocabulary. The following study guide will help as you read the book and study for the test. However, this guide does NOT cover every question on the test. Read for comprehension, and enjoy reading *Treasure Island*. The test will be given during the first week of school.

**Characters: Describe each character. How did each character help to advance the plot?**

- \* Jim Hawkins -
- \* Mrs. Hawkins -
- \* Squire Trelawney -
- \* Billy Bones -
- \* Long John Silver -
- \* Captain Smollett -
- \* Dr. Livesey -
- \* Israel Hands -
- \* Black Dog -
- \* Alan -
- \* Ben Gunn -
- \* Mr. Arrow -
- \* Capt'n Flint -
- \* Tom Redruth -
- \* Abraham Gray -

**Setting: Describe the following places found in the book:**

- \* “Admiral Benbow” -
- \* Bristol -
- \* The Hispaniola –
- \* Setting
- \* Stockade -
- \* Treasure Island -
- \* Cape of the Woods -
- \* Spy-Glass -

**Plot: Short answer questions concerning the plot of the story:**

- \* Why does Billy Bones pay Jim?
- \* Why did Jim and his mother search for the sea-chest?
- \* Who did Jim see at the Inn?
- \* Who bought and outfitted the Hispaniola?
- \* What was Silver’s job on the Hispaniola?
- \* How did Jim discover Silver’s plan?
- \* When did Captain Smollett realize Silver’s plan?
- \* What happened to Mr. Arrow?
- \* From whose perspective is chapter IV told?
- \* Describe the first incident that happened on the island (which Jim sees)?
- \* Who joined the captain’s side and why?
- \* When did Silver realize that all was lost?

**Vocabulary: Define or describe the following terms:**

- \* Black spot -
- \* Georges -
- \* Mutiny -
- \* Ruffian -
- \* Stockade -
- \* Coxswain -
- \* Mate -
- \* Boatswain -
- \* Buccaneer -

**Quotations: Which characters made the following statements?**

- \* "Ah, Bill Bill, we have seen a sight of times, us two, since I lost them two talons."
- \* "Everyone in Bristol slaved in my interest as soon as they got wind of the port we sailed for – treasure, I mean."
- \* "Dead men don't bite."
- \* ". . . if I were sure of their raving – I should leave this camp, and at whatever risk to my own carcass, take them the assistance of my skill."
- \* "I'll have my dues, and not a farthing over."
- \* "Silver trusted me; I passed my word, and back I go."