

Year 6 Knowledge Organiser

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

Can discuss a book that has been read, taking turns and listening to what others have to say. Can ask questions to improve understanding of the text.

Can infer characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions and justify these inferences with evidence from the text. Can identify a main idea from an extract of text.

Be able to justify their views drawing evidence from the text and explain their understanding through presentation and debate.

Context

When a mysterious sailor dies in sinister circumstances at the Admiral Benbow inn, young Jim Hawkins stumbles across a treasure map among the dead man's possessions. But Jim soon becomes only too aware that he is not the only one who knows of the map's existence, and his bravery and cunning are tested to the full when, with his friends Squire Trelawney and Dr Livesey, he sets sail in the Hispaniola to track down the treasure. With its swift-moving plot and memorably drawn characters - Blind Pew and Black Dog, the castaway Ben Gunn and the charming but dangerous Long John Silver - Stevenson's tale of pirates, treachery and heroism was an immediate success when it was first published in 1883 and has retained its place as one of the greatest of all adventure stories.

Star Vocabulary

The Hispaniola – the ship which serves as the primary location for much of Treasure Island.

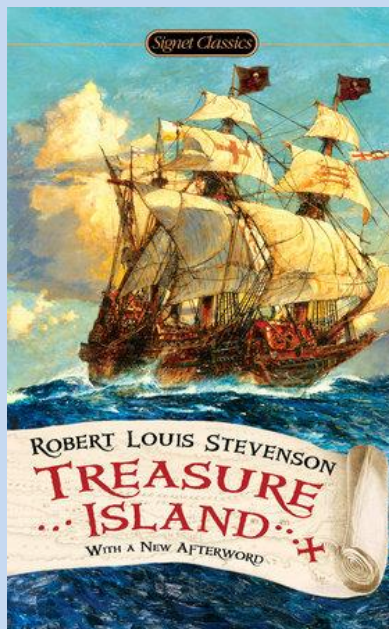
Marooned - left in a place from which you cannot escape.

Squire - in the past in England, a man who owned most of the land around a village.

Buccaneer – freebooters (like pirates) who preyed upon treasure-laden ships in the Caribbean.

Setting

Set in the mid 1700s, first along the coast of western England and then in the seaport of Bristol, the book takes readers quickly to the high seas and finally to a remote and secret island on a quest for pirate treasure.



Main Characters

Jim Hawkins: Jim is the son of an innkeeper near Bristol, England.

Long John Silver: The one-legged cook aboard the Hispaniola.

Dr. Livesey: A doctor and magistrate.

Captain Smollett: The captain of the Hispaniola.

Squire Trelawney: A wealthy landowner who arranges the voyage to the island.

Billy Bones: An old seaman who resides at the Admiral Benbow Inn.

Ben Gunn: A former member of Captain Flint's crew.

Genre

Fiction.

Treasure Island is an adventure novel.

About Robert Louis Stevenson

Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1894) was born in Edinburgh, the son of a prosperous civil engineer. Although he began his career as an essayist and travel writer, the success of *Treasure Island* (1883) and *Kidnapped* (1886) established his reputation as a writer of tales of action and adventure.

