Moby Dick

Book key

1 Open answers
2 a sail – ocean
   b death – die
   c dream – sleep
   d star – sky
   e gold – rich
3 a a whale
   b Captain Ahab hates Moby Dick because he lost a leg in a fight with it.
   c a young sailor
   d Possible answer: Ishmael feels excited because this is Ishmael’s first whaling trip.
   e Open answers
4 a 4 b 7 c 5 d 6 e 1 f 3 g 2
5 a Queequeg – a whaler from Kokovoko. He is ugly. He never goes home.
   b Elijah – an old sailor. He sailed with Ahab. He thinks that Ahab is the Devil.
   c Starbuck – a sailor. He never smiles. He thinks that Ahab’s plan is crazy.
   d Stubb – a sailor. He is happy and tells funny stories.
   e Bildad, Tashtego, etc. – sailors. They come from different countries and tell interesting stories.
   f Pip – the little cook boy. He hears men below them.
6 a It is tall and strong with dark wood from many years on the wild oceans.
   b He is sick.
   c It is dangerous. The work is hard. You are away from home for many years.
   d He wants to see the world.
   e The men cannot sleep because Captain Ahab walks up and down all night.
   f Starbuck does not want to look for Moby Dick because he will not make any money.
   g Ishmael thinks that Pip can hear the ocean, not the sound of men.
7 Open answers
8 a ✗ b ✓ c ✓ d ✗ e ✓ f ✗
9 a Ishmael – the whalers with dark faces and long black hair
   b Starbuck – Ahab’s family
   c Ishmael – he has not got a family to go home to.
   d Captain Ahab – Captain Boomer
   e the whalers – Fedallah
   f Starbuck – Captain Ahab
10 a … they do not want the sharks to eat the whale meat.
   b … he only wants to catch Moby Dick.
   c … it is easy to see a white whale in the dark.
   d … Fedallah can see the future.
   e … he wants to follow the white whale.
11–12 Open answers
13 a broke b jumps c leaves d thinks e stop
   f does g die h feels
14 Possible answers:
   a Stubb wants to teach Pip a lesson.
   b Pip was in the ocean for too long.
   c Because Pip thinks that he is God.
   d Because he knows that Starbuck is right.
   e Because he is very sick.
15–16 Open answers
16 a … they do not want the sharks to eat the whale meat.
   b … because he has a bad dream.
   c … because he wants to know the future.
   d … because the wind is strong and dangerous.
   e … because his boy was on it.
   f … because he has no time.
18 a Fedallah tells Ahab that a rope will kill him.
   b Ahab throws his maps into the ocean.
   c Starbuck almost shoots Ahab when he is asleep.
   d Ahab tells Pip to stay in his room.
   e A bird flies away with Ahab’s hat.
19 a Ishmael understands why Ahab talks to Fedallah.
   b Because he thinks that Ahab will kill everybody with his dangerous plan.
20 Open answers
21 a 2nd b 2nd c 1st d 3rd e 2nd f 1st g 3rd h 2nd i 3rd
22–30 Open answers

Discussion activities key

1 Possible answers:
   harpoon, huge, rope, row, sail, whale
   • We can see a huge tail of white whale.
   • A ship at the far back is a sailing boat, and two other small boats are rowing boats.
   • They are using a harpoon and a rope.
2 Open answers
3 Possible answers:
   • I think they will be happy on the Pequod. They can catch whales.
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- Perhaps something evil will happen and they are not happy.
- Starbuck is right. Catching the whale isn’t for revenge. It’s for the whale oil.
- I think Pip is right. Perhaps Ishmael is too excited to dream about the gold.

4 Open answers

5 Possible answers:
sharks: Sharks try to eat the whale meat.
oil: Whalers get oil from whales.
barrels: Whalers keep the oil in barrels.
harpoons: Whalers kill whales with harpoons.
maps: Whalers need maps when they sail across oceans.
the weather: Bad weather makes whalers’ jobs hard and dangerous.

6 Possible answers:
- A man fell into the ocean. He is asking for help.
- The boat is chasing the white whale.
- I feel sad because the boat isn’t coming back for me.
- I will say, “Help! Help me, please!”
- I think the boat will come back later on.

7 Open answers

8 Possible answers:
- Starbuck is angry because Pip thinks that Captain Ahab is God.
- I don’t think he should be angry because Pip is now a little crazy.
- I think he’s right. Captain Ahab isn’t God.
- Perhaps Starbuck is the most important man on the ship because Captain Ahab thinks only about Moby Dick.
- I think Queequeg is the most important man on the ship. He is the best whaler.

9 Possible answers:
- I think his dream is about Moby Dick. Captain Ahab is thinking about how to fight it.
- Perhaps it’s a bad dream. Captain Ahab thinks he’s going to die.

10 Open answers

11 Possible answers:
- Captain Ahab is afraid because now he knows that he will die.
- Starbuck is afraid. He thinks that God wants them to turn back.
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Activity worksheets key

1  a  doesn’t  come  b  Queequeg  c  sick  d  laugh  
   e  quiet  f  leg  g  other  whales  h  Pip  
2  a  tired  b  strange  c  afraid  d  happy  
   e  interesting  f  angry  g  excited  h  crazy  
3  a  Fedallah  b  Stubb  c  Starbuck  d  Ishmael  
   e  Captain  Boomer  f  Captain  Ahab  g  Fedallah  
   h  Fedallah  
4  a  N  b  Y  c  N  d  Y  e  N  f  Y  g  Y  h  Y  
5  a  They  lost  the  whale  because  of  him.  
   b  Pip  thinks  that  Captain  Ahab  is  God.  
   c  Captain  Ahab  stops  the  ship  and  changes  the  
   barrels.  
   d  A  harpoon  rope.  
   e  Sharks.  
   f  A  coffin.  
   g  Pip.  
   h  Starbuck.  
   i  Queequeg.  
6  Possible  answers:  
   a  ice,  winter  
   b  fire,  summer  
   c  snow  
   d  a  child  on  a  Christmas  morning.  
7  a  4  b  6  c  3  d  5  e  2  f  7  g  1  
8  a  √  b  √  c  x  d  x  e  x  f  x  g  √  

9  a  4  b  3  c  2  d  5  e  1  
10  a  3  b  1  c  3  d  3  e  2  f  1  g  2  
11  a  √  
12  a  p. 19  and  p. 31  
   b  p. 11  
   c  p. 7  
   d  p. 19  
   e  p. 7  
   f  p. 7,  p. 11,  p. 15,  p. 25,  and  p. 31

Progress test key

1  a  7  b  3  c  1  d  2  e  5  f  4  g  6  
2  a  5  b  3  c  8  d  6  e  1  f  7  g  4  h  2  
3  a  slowly  b  badly  c  quietly  d  angrily  
   e  quickly  f  happily  g  carefully  
4  a  largest  b  beautiful  c  small  d  harpoons  
   e  death  
5  a  2  b  3  c  1  d  3  e  3  f  1  g  3  
6  a  ugly  
   b  white  
   c  bad,  evil  
   d  sad,  unhappy  
   e  cold  
   f  new,  young  
   g  fast,  quick  
   h  big,  huge