

I Escaped Pirates in the Caribbean
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Chapter Comprehension

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WORK SHEET AND ACTIVITIES

CAUSE AND EFFECT

Cause: Jon's father promises to take him on a whaling expedition, but breaks his promise.

Effect:

Cause: Pirates attack the ship that Jon is sailing on.

Effect:

Cause: England and Spain declare a truce.

Effect:

Effect: Jon drops his bag of coins.

Cause:

VISUALIZATION:

Choose one of the following. On a separate page, draw a picture.

- A pirate
- A treasure chest full of treasure
- A pirate flag
- A pirate sailing ship

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

It's 1671 and you are a sailor on watch in the crow's nest of a merchant sailing ship. You see a ship sailing toward you. They raise a flag with a skull and crossbones. What would you do?

You are captured by pirates. The pirate captain gives you a choice. You can become a pirate or you can be marooned on an island. What would you do?

The pirate ship reaches shore. You can try to escape. What plan would you come up with?

You see the pirates bury a treasure chest. Would you dig it up? If you decide to dig it up, how would you carry the treasure?

You are a prisoner working as a slave on a plantation in Port Royal. Would you try and escape? What would you do?

MAKING INFERENCES

There was no escape now. Their whole ship had been captured. What would Captain Morgan do when he discovered two stowaways?

If only land was near. Jon could swim for it. But what of Fortune? He couldn't leave her behind.

Why couldn't Jon leave Fortune behind? What does it tell us about Jon?

Fortune spoke again. This time her voice was sweeter. Much sweeter. "You should know, good sir, that I am Lady Florabelle Rosewood of Rosewood Hall, Port Royal, Jamaica. My parents have oodles of money."

"Money, you say?"

“Loads of it. If you play your cards right, you could get yourself a nice reward. So take your dirty hands off me.”

Why is Fortune saying this?

They’d gone about halfway when Blackheart Bill stopped and bent to fiddle with his boot.

The short pirate strode past him.

Suddenly, shockingly, the massive pirate rose to his full seven-foot height. Silent as a panther, he took two long steps—right up to the short pirate’s back and raised the shovel.

Moonlight caught the metal as it descended.

The short pirate crashed to the sand like a downed tree.

Jon stared aghast. He couldn’t believe what he’d seen.

Fortune put her hands over her eyes. “No!” she whispered. “Oh no.”

Crouching, Blackheart Bill checked the pirate’s wrist for a pulse. Quickly, he covered him with sand. Then, whistling, he continued walking, rhythmically swinging the shovel.

Why did Blackheart Bill do that? What does it tell you about Blackheart Bill?

Movement sounded, and the door flew open. A dark-skinned woman in a red embroidered shawl peeked out. Her eyes widened. “Miss Florabelle! Is that you?”

“Yes.” Fortune rushed into her arms. “Nanny!”

Who was Nanny Quassy and why did Florabelle love her?

Cook approached. “You’ve a fine ship here, m’ lad. The life of a privateer is a good one.”

“Nah,” Jon shook his head. “We both know it’s not my ship. I’m returning her to the harbormaster in Charles Town. He’ll get her to the merchant trading company who owns her.”

What does Jon’s decision tell you about Jon?

IMAGINE

Imagine pirates kidnapped you. Write about your adventures. What did you see? How did you feel? Would you have chosen to stay and be a pirate, or would you have escaped and gone home?

DRAW A TREASURE MAP & HAVE A FRIEND OR CLASSMATE TRY IT OUT.

Choose a place to bury a treasure. It could be a room in your house, a backyard, a neighborhood park, the school playground, your gymnasium, or classroom.

Hide a small treasure, or a drawing of a treasure.

Or, if you want to get technical, set the GPS location for your imaginary buried treasure using your phone. This will be your point X.

1. Sketch an outline of the location.
2. Draw in the trees, rocks, or furniture.
3. Mark an X where you bury your treasure.
4. Decide on a starting point, such as a rock, tree or desk. This is where your friend or classmate will start their search. Call it Point A and label it on the map.
5. Choose a second point, call it Point B and label it on the map. Walk the footsteps between Point A and Point B and note those on the map.
6. Do this for several more points, with the last one indicating the steps to the treasure.
7. Give your map to a classmate or friend and see if they can find your treasure. If using GPS coordinates, have them note down the X as a GPS coordinate and see if it matches your own.

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WORK SHEET ANSWER KEY

COMPREHENSION:

Chapter 1: Why did Jon run away from home?

He wanted to be a sailor.

Chapter 2: Could Fortune swim?

No, Fortune nearly drowned.

Chapter 3: Why was Jon worried when he discovered Fortune was a girl?

Girls were considered bad luck aboard pirate ships, and they'd be in extra trouble.

Chapter 4: Where were Jon and Fortune hiding?

On deck, behind a barrel.

Chapter 5: What did the pirates think of mermaids?

That mermaids were beautiful but deadly.

Chapter 6: Why did Fortune say her parents were wealthy?

She wanted to bribe the pirate to let them go.

Chapter 7: What was the Second Mate's name?

Rusty Pete

Chapter 8: Why did Fortune volunteer to be barrelman?

Fortune wanted privacy so that no one would discover that she was a girl.

Chapter 9: Who stabbed Jon?

A street beggar boy who lived in a cave.

Chapter 10: What was the name of the Fortress?

San Lorenzo de Chagres

Chapter 11: Why did they have to carry the boats?

The river grew too shallow for the boats to float.

Chapter 12: Why was Captain Morgan arrested?

A peace treaty was signed between England and Spain, which made Captain Morgan's actions illegal.

Chapter 13: What was Fortune's plan?

To pretend she was a visiting female relative and that they'd made a mistake locking her up with the men.

Chapter 14: What was Blackheart Bill doing on the beach?

Burying the treasure.

Chapter 15: Why did Jon, Fortune and Cook swear a sacred oath?

They knew Blackheart Bill would come after them if he heard they'd found the treasure.

Chapter 16: Did Blackheart see Cook?

Yes, and he chased Cook.

Chapter 17: Who was Nanny Quassy?

Fortune's childhood nanny.

Chapter 18: Why did Fortune's stepfather say that Jon was a pirate?

He saw Jon being arrested alongside the pirate crew.

Chapter 19: Why was Jon glad when Spanish pirates attacked Port Royal?
It gave them a chance to escape.

Chapter 19: What was Jon's escape plan?
Escape down the tunnel and take command of a ship.

Chapter 20: Where were Jon, Fortune and the crew sailing to?
Charles Town.

Chapter 21: What did Jon plan to call his sailing ship?
The Fortune.

CAUSE AND EFFECT

Cause: Jon's father promises to take him on a whaling expedition, but breaks his promise.

Effect: **Jon runs away to sea.**

Cause: Pirates attack the ship that Jon is sailing on.

Effect: **Jon's ship and its crew members are captured by the pirates.**

Cause: **Fortune is scared the pirates will discover that she's a girl, so she confesses to Jon.**

Effect: Jon discovers that Fortune is a girl.

Cause: England and Spain declare a truce.

Effect: **England and Spain are no longer enemies, so Captain Morgan is arrested for attacking Spanish ships.**

Cause: **A pirate is chasing Jon through town.**

Effect: Jon drops his bag of coins.

MAKING INFERENCES

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Why couldn't Jon leave Fortune behind? What does it tell us about Jon?

It tells us that he is brave, caring and responsible.

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Why is Fortune saying this?

Fortune is trying to persuade the pirate not to kill them and to buy time to escape.

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Blackheart Bill wanted all the treasure and he wanted to keep his location secret. He is a ruthless man.

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Nanny Quassy was a slave who raised Florabelle and they loved one another almost like mother and daughter.

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Jon is honest.
