

A Voyage with the Study Pirates





Pull up a barrel, my mateys, and hear the tale of the Study Pirates. They traveled far across the deep blue to find King Macbeth's long lost treasure. They've had many issues and tribulations, but with the leadership of Great Captain Gatsby, there's no way they can fail!

Who are the heroes of this story?

Read the sentence with the word "tribulations."
What do you think the word means?



The Great Captain Gatsby!

Leader of the Study Pirates!
A real, handsome swashbuckler
All his mateys love him, he's super nice
(He's a wee bit mad right now though)



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But wait! The ship's anchor is damaged! Not already!

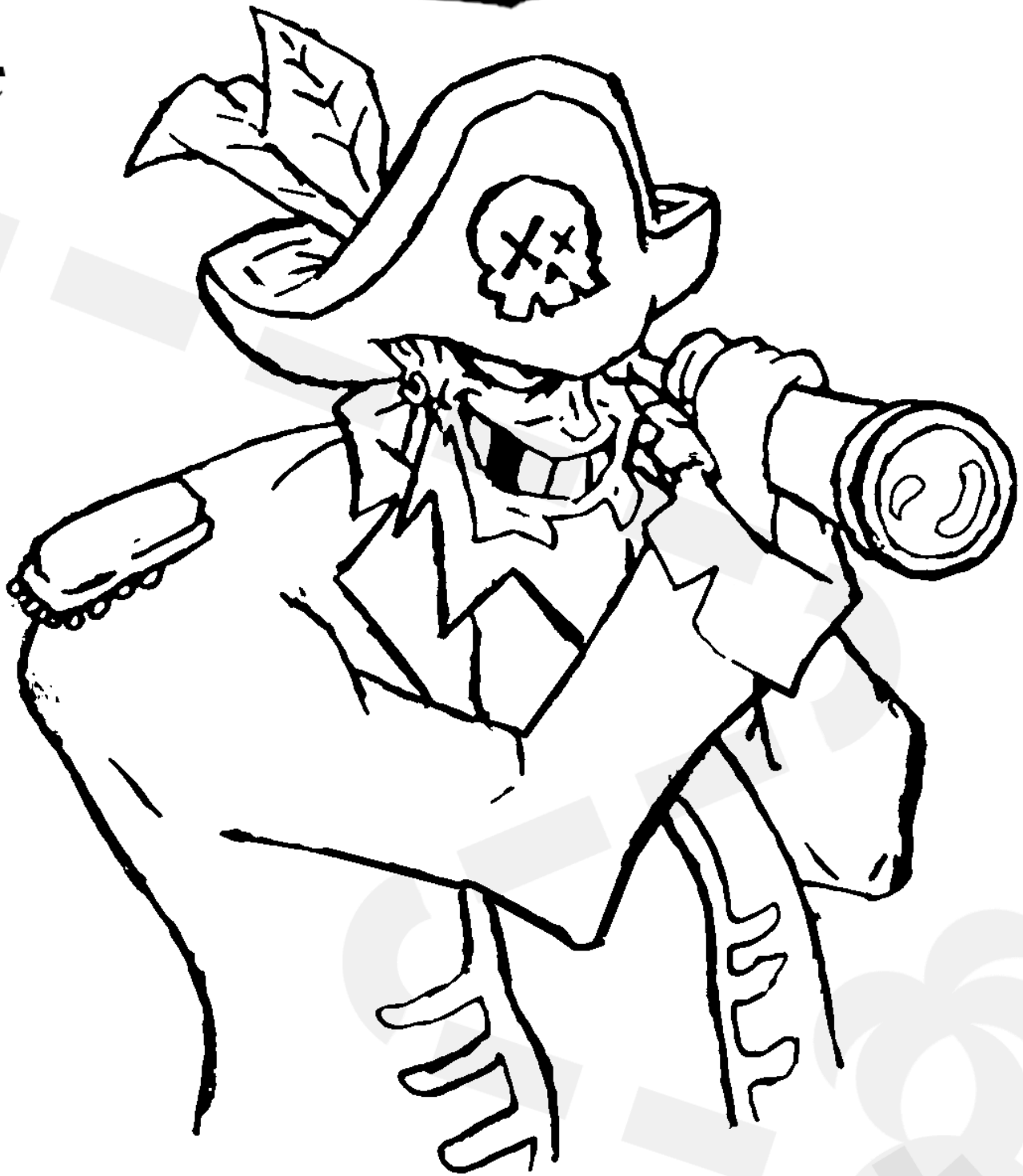
Captain Gatsby is annoyed, but First Mate Oliver is prepared and quickly steers the ship to a port town. He asks the locals for help. They're reluctant at first but are eventually convinced to give up an extra anchor. With that, they're off again!

What was the problem the study pirates ran into?
What was the solution?

What do you think "reluctant" means?



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The Dread Pirate O'Brien

Has his own crew of scallywags

He's got a good beard, but bad teeth

Really mean and gross, but mostly mean

Super scary

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With the new anchor, the journey is going well. But what's that on the horizon? Oh no! It's him! The evil Dread Pirate O'Brien! He's the greatest enemy of the Study Pirates! This is catastrophic! But Quartermaster Juliet has an idea. She makes her fellow Study Pirates lower the ship's sails and sneak by. They escaped O'Brien this time, but chances are we'll be seeing more of him later.

The antagonist of a story is the person or thing causing problems for the heroes. Who is the antagonist of this story?

What do you think "catastrophic" means?



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While on the way to Macbeth's treasure, the Study Pirates find a message in a bottle. It reads, "If you're reading this, DON'T LOOK FOR MACBETH'S TREASURE! It's too dangerous. Storms. Rocks. Sea beasts. You won't make it!" The pirates know that sounds scary, but they can make it! The pirate Holmes throws the bottle out and the group keeps going.

What point of view is this story being told from? (1st, 2nd or 3rd person?)

What point of view was the message in the bottle written in?



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They're a bit spooked by the bottle's warning, but the pirates are still sailing ahead to the treasure. That is... until something hits the ship! A huge underwater leviathan is biting the hull! If something doesn't change soon, the sea monster will sink the ship!

What do you think "leviathan" means?

What would you do if your ship was under attack by a leviathan?



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Things seem hopeless... until the fearsome Radley is slashes at the beast with his sword! The creature retreats... That was close, but the crew is able to keep going after that blood pumping battle.

What did the beast look like in your imagination?
Draw it in this space!



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Land ho! On the horizon, the pirates see it: the island holding MacBeth's treasure! But just as the message said, it's surrounded by rocks. They could damage the ship, but Navigator Ahab knows the water like a fish. Through his steering skills, the rocks are no problem. The island is almost within reach!

A simile is a metaphor (a comparison of two things that aren't alike) that uses the words "like" or "as". There is one on this page. What is it?

The root word for "navigator" is "navigate", which means to find a way from place to place. What do you think "navigator" means?

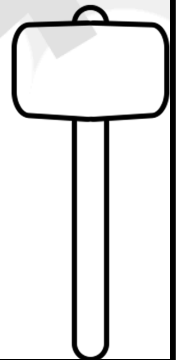


Just before the pirates can make it to the island, a storm strikes! The sea is angry, the wind is raging, and the lightning is blasting! At this rate, the ship won't hold! Luckily, Repair Specialist Huck is just barely able to keep the ship together just long enough to make it to shore!

Personification is when you describe non-human things like a person. There are some personifications on this page. What are they?

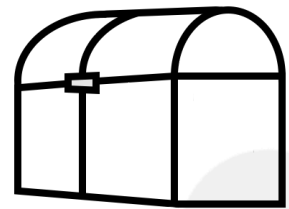


The root word for “specialist” is “special”. What do you think “specialist” means?



Despite so many things getting in the way, the ship meets the shore. They've arrived! Treasure is everywhere! Gold! Gems! This journey was more than worth it! But who is that... the Dread Pirate O'Brien and his terrifying crew?! He's here to steal the treasure! What will happen now?!

What do you think will happen?!



The root word for “terrifying” is “terror”, which means fear. What do you think “terrifying” means?



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The Big Fight!!!

Both crews want the treasure!

Who will win?!

The beloved heroes?!

Or the scary villains?!

But before the big fight breaks out, Captain Gatsby stops everyone. “We’ve been competing for so long, and there’s more than enough treasure for both of our crews!” The Dread Pirate O’Brien thinks for a second... “

How do you think O’Brien will respond?

Do you think the pirates should share?



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“You scurvy dog... you’re right. After all the problems and anguish we’ve gone through, we’ve been chasing each other in circles forever. We should split the riches.” With that, both ships were filled with treasure, and they sailed away, not as enemies, but as equals.

There is a metaphor in this section. What is it?

What do you think “anguish” means?



After that, the pirates returned home.

Captain Gatsby, his mates and even the Dread Pirate O'Brien and his crew all had more than enough riches to last the rest of their lives... but where's the fun in that? Now that they had the legendary treasure, they all went on many more adventures... But that's another story, for another day...

Did you like the story?



Did you learn any new words? What was your favorite of the new words you know now?



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