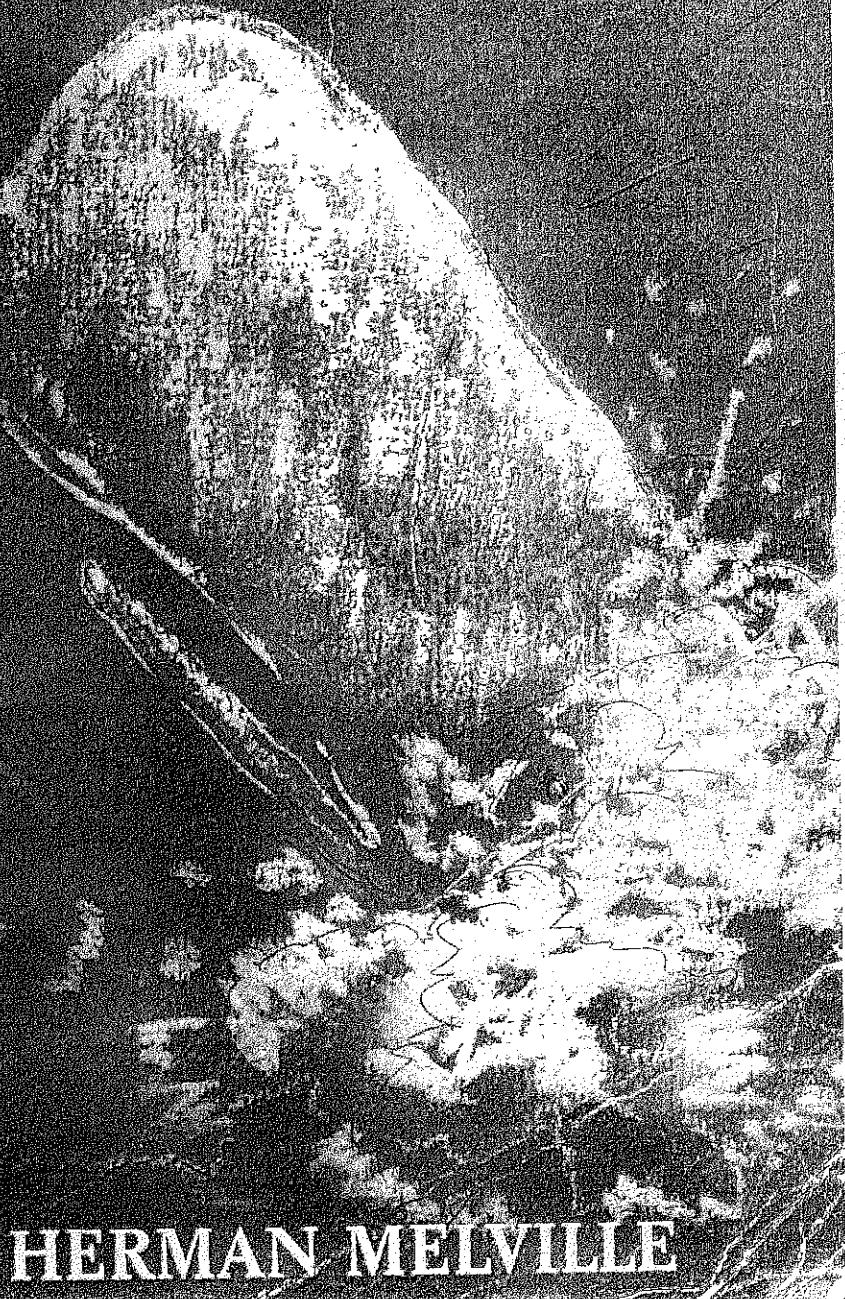


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REVIEWING YOUR READING

CHAPTER 1

FINDING THE MAIN IDEA

1. In this chapter the author is mostly interested in
(A) teaching us about whales (B) introducing us to Ishmael (C) describing a cheap inn (D) telling us about the South Seas

REMEMBERING DETAIL

2. When Ishmael goes to sea, he goes as a
(A) simple sailor (B) passenger (C) cook (D) captain
3. The main reason Ishmael wanted to go on a whaling voyage was to
(A) earn some money (B) get wholesome exercise
(C) see a whale (D) be with his friends

DRAWING CONCLUSIONS

4. You can tell from the story so far that Ishmael is
(A) self-righteous (B) kind (C) skillful
(D) adventurous

USING YOUR REASON

5. When the landlord said "if you are goin' a-whalin', you'd better get used to that sort of thing" (sharing a bed), he meant that
(A) harpooneers are dangerous (B) there are no beds on whaling ships (C) Ishmael was lucky to get a bed at all
(D) life on a whaling ship is rough

READING FOR DEEPER MEANING

6. The author would most agree with which of the following?
(A) Honesty is the best policy. (B) You can't judge a book by its cover. (C) Let sleeping dogs lie. (D) Blood is thicker than water.

THINKING IT OVER

1. Why did Ishmael want to go to sea? Do you feel the same way he does about the sea? Explain.
2. On the basis of what you have read so far, do you think that you would like to change places with Ishmael? Give reasons for your choice.

FINDING THE MAIN IDEA

1. In this chapter the author is mostly interested in
 (A) telling more about Ishmael and Queequeg
 (B) describing New Bedford (C) telling what the whalers had for breakfast (D) describing the way in which Queequeg shaved

DRAWING CONCLUSIONS

2. You can guess from the story that Queequeg
 (A) does not understand or speak English very well
 (B) never listens to what people are saying (C) is deaf
 (D) is stupid
3. Queequeg shaved with his harpoon because
 (A) it was dangerous (B) he was in a hurry (C) it was very sharp (D) he wanted to surprise Ishmael

USING YOUR REASON

4. Instead of saying "a man like Queequeg you don't see every day" the author would have meant the same thing if he had said that Queequeg
 (A) is a fine man (B) would make a good friend (C) is a very unusual man (D) is pretty ordinary
5. When the author says "his (Queequeg's) greatest admirer could hardly have justified bringing his harpoon to breakfast with him" he meant
 (A) Queequeg's table manners are bad (B) Queequeg has many admirers (C) nobody likes Queequeg
 (D) Queequeg is greedy

READING FOR DEEPER MEANING

6. The author seems to think that when people play tricks on you the thing to do is to
 (A) be very angry with them (B) play a trick on them in return (C) demand an explanation (D) take it in good part

THINKING IT OVER

1. What do you think about the following: "Say what you will, it is marvelous how polite these savages are"? Explain.
2. In what ways is Queequeg unusual?

FINDING THE MAIN IDEA

1. This chapter is mostly about Father Mapple's
 (A) childhood (B) sermon (C) congregation
 (D) personal appearance

REMEMBERING DETAIL

2. Ishmael's jacket was made of
 (A) wool (B) cotton (C) bearskin (D) silk
3. After Jonah was dropped into the water he
 (A) sank to the bottom (B) was swallowed by a whale
 (C) drowned (D) was swept away by a strong current

USING YOUR REASON

4. You can tell from this chapter that Ishmael is
 (A) foolish (B) pessimistic (C) sentimental
 (D) optimistic
5. When the author said "Father Mapple was in the hardy winter of a healthy old age" he meant that Father Mapple
 (A) was very frail (B) was not as old as Ishmael
 (C) although very old was also very healthy (D) was not very old

IDENTIFYING THE MOOD

6. When Ishmael first read the marble tablets in the chapel he felt
 (A) merry (B) bored (C) depressed (D) confident

READING FOR DEEPER MEANING

7. Father Mapple's sermon was really about
 (A) the creation of man (B) life eternal (C) love and joy (D) sin and repentance

THINKING IT OVER

1. What about the chapel showed that there is danger and grief in whaling? If there was an activity you particularly wanted to take part in, how would the possibility of danger affect your feelings about the activity?
2. During Father Mapple's sermon a great storm was blowing outside the chapel. What effect, if any, do you think the storm had on how the listeners felt?

CHAPTER 4

FINDING THE MAIN IDEA

1. This chapter is mainly about
(A) Queequeg (B) Christians (C) pagans (D) canoes

REMEMBERING DETAIL

2. Queequeg's father was a
(A) seaman (B) high priest (C) warrior (D) king
3. Queequeg's reason for leaving his native island was to
(A) travel (B) get away from his father (C) learn from the Christians (D) learn another language

DRAWING CONCLUSIONS

4. You can tell that, after some time among the whalers, Queequeg's feeling about Christians was one of
(A) joy (B) disappointment (C) happiness (D) excitement
5. Ishmael's purpose in joining with Queequeg to worship the idol was to
(A) please Queequeg (B) experience something new (C) deceive Queequeg (D) get Queequeg to join with him in Presbyterian worship

THINKING IT OVER

1. Do you think that you would have been drawn to Queequeg as Ishmael was? Why or why not?
2. On the basis of what you have read so far, would you like to change places with Queequeg? Explain.
3. If you were Ishmael, would you have joined with Queequeg in worshipping his idol? Explain.

CHAPTER 5

FINDING THE MAIN IDEA

1. In this chapter the author is mainly interested in telling us about the character of
(A) Ishmael (B) Mrs. Hussey (C) Queequeg (D) Queequeg's father

REMEMBERING DETAIL

2. What did Queequeg do to the young man who annoyed him?

- (A) Threw him overboard (B) Hit him with his harpoon (C) Threw him up in the air (D) Threw him down the stairs

3. After first being angry with Queequeg, the captain begged his pardon because
(A) he was afraid of Queequeg (B) Ishmael threatened to beat him (C) Queequeg saved the young man's life (D) he realized that Queequeg had reason to be annoyed

DRAWING CONCLUSIONS

4. You can tell from this chapter that Queequeg is
(A) slow-witted (B) unfair (C) pompous (D) quick-witted
5. Queequeg rescued the young man who went overboard because
(A) the captain told him to (B) it seemed to be the natural thing to do (C) he felt like going for a swim (D) he wanted to show up the other passengers

USING YOUR REASON

6. Instead of saying that Queequeg did not seem "to think he deserved all the honor," the author would have meant the same thing if he had said that Queequeg was very
(A) modest (B) arrogant (C) friendly (D) self-satisfied

THINKING IT OVER

1. Why did the captain of the merchant ship wash his hands in the punch bowl? Why did Queequeg's people laugh at him? People from many different nations are living in this country today. Do you think that similar misunderstandings are likely to arise among them? Have you ever been in such a situation? Explain.

CHAPTER 6

FINDING THE MAIN IDEA

1. In this chapter the author is mostly interested in
(A) telling us how Captain Ahab lost his leg (B) describing the lay system (C) introducing us to the *Pequod* and Captain Ahab (D) explaining about Ramadan

REMEMBERING DETAIL

2. While Ishmael chose a whaling ship Queequeg stayed at the inn because he was
 - (A) tired and wanted to sleep
 - (B) observing Ramadan
 - (C) eating breakfast
 - (D) working on his harpoon

IDENTIFYING THE MOOD

3. Which of the following best describes Captain Peleg's feelings about the merchant service?
 - (A) It's better than whaling.
 - (B) It's not as good as whaling.
 - (C) It's as good as whaling.
 - (D) He does not know anything about it.

DRAWING CONCLUSIONS

4. In this chapter we begin to get the feeling that
 - (A) there is some reason to think Ishmael will not enjoy whaling
 - (B) Queequeg does not really want to go whaling
 - (C) Ishmael and Queequeg will not stay friends
 - (D) there is some mystery about Captain Ahab that will affect Queequeg and Ishmael
5. Which of the following best describes Queequeg's relationship with Ishmael?
 - (A) Excitement
 - (B) Gaiety
 - (C) Trust
 - (D) Pride

THINKING IT OVER

1. If you were Ishmael, would you have made sure of seeing Captain Ahab before you signed on for three years? Explain.
2. If you were Ishmael, would you still have wanted to go whaling after talking to Peleg? Explain.

CHAPTER 7

FINDING THE MAIN IDEA

1. This chapter is mostly about
 - (A) Ishmael's religion
 - (B) Mrs. Hussey's inn
 - (C) the Pequod
 - (D) Queequeg's Ramadan

DRAWING CONCLUSIONS

2. You can tell from this chapter that Queequeg
 - (A) believes that Christianity is better than his own religion
 - (B) takes his religion seriously
 - (C) has no feelings about religion
 - (D) does not take his religion seriously

REMEMBERING DETAIL

3. After the Ramadan, Ishmael talked to Queequeg about religion because
 - (A) he wanted to persuade him that there were other, better religions
 - (B) he liked to talk about religion
 - (C) Queequeg asked him to
 - (D) he wanted to learn more about Queequeg's religion

IDENTIFYING THE MOOD

4. Which of the following best describes how Ishmael felt when he could not get into Queequeg's room?
 - (A) Surprised
 - (B) Afraid
 - (C) Annoyed
 - (D) Glad

THINKING IT OVER

1. Ishmael has always claimed to be tolerant about religion. Why, then, does he "argue the point" with Queequeg after the Ramadan? Do you think that Ishmael really believes that other religions are as good as his own? Explain.

CHAPTER 8

FINDING THE MAIN IDEA

1. In this chapter the author is mainly interested in
 - (A) describing Elijah
 - (B) describing how to throw a harpoon
 - (C) showing how good Queequeg is with a harpoon
 - (D) planting the idea that the voyage may not be an ordinary one

REMEMBERING DETAIL

2. At first Bildad, and Peleg did not want Queequeg aboard because
 - (A) he was a cannibal
 - (B) they didn't need him
 - (C) he was too big
 - (D) they had never met him before
3. Bildad and Peleg later want Queequeg to sign on because
 - (A) they liked his looks
 - (B) he told them that he was an experienced harpooneer
 - (C) he showed them how good he was with a harpoon
 - (D) Ishmael refused to go unless they signed on Queequeg

DRAWING CONCLUSIONS

4. You can tell from this chapter that Bildad is
 - (A) proud
 - (B) greedy
 - (C) religious
 - (D) brave

5. Queequeg threw his harpoon because
(A) he wanted to frighten Peleg and Bildad (B) it was the best way to show how well he could use it (C) he needed the practice (D) it slipped from his hand

THINKING IT OVER

1. What is the author's purpose in bringing Elijah into the story? Explain your answer.

CHAPTER 9

FINDING THE MAIN IDEA

1. This chapter is mostly about
(A) Charity Bildad (B) the preparation of a whaling ship for a long voyage (C) manning the capstan (D) the Atlantic Ocean in winter

REMEMBERING DETAIL

2. When Queequeg and Ishmael came to the wharf early on the morning of their departure, Ishmael thought he saw
(A) Charity (B) Peleg (C) sailors (D) shadows

DRAWING CONCLUSIONS

3. You can tell that Peleg and Bildad
(A) would like to have stayed on board (B) were glad to go back to port (C) do not like the sea (D) are not good seamen

4. It took so long to get the *Pequod* ready to sail because
(A) the workers were slow (B) there was so much to be done (C) Peleg and Bildad were no good at the job (D) Captain Ahab's absence made things difficult

IDENTIFYING THE MOOD

5. How did Ishmael feel about not having seen Ahab yet?
(A) Pleased (B) Happy (C) Unhappy (D) Indifferent

THINKING IT OVER

1. Can you see any similarity between the preparations needed for a whaling voyage, as described by Ishmael, and the preparations needed for a voyage into space today? Explain.

2. If you were Ishmael, would you have sailed with the *Pequod* after Elijah's warnings? Would you first have tried to find out more about Captain Ahab? Elijah? Explain.

CHAPTER 10

THINKING IT OVER

1. Look up *whale* in an encyclopedia. Does the description of whales agree with the author's? What characteristics of whales does the author seem to admire? Why do you think he admires them?

CHAPTER 11

REMEMBERING DETAIL

1. Starbuck was
(A) fearless (B) cowardly (C) careless
(D) superstitious

2. Stubb was
(A) brave (B) easygoing (C) mean (D) cowardly

3. Queequeg was harpooneer for
(A) Stubb (B) Starbuck (C) Flask (D) Tashtego

DRAWING CONCLUSIONS

4. You can tell from this chapter that
(A) Starbuck will end up disagreeing with Ahab
(B) Starbuck does not like Stubb (C) Queequeg is popular with the crew (D) Ishmael does not like any of the mates

5. Queequeg is probably Starbuck's harpooneer because
(A) he asked to be (B) Starbuck, as chief mate, had first choice and thought Queequeg was best (C) Stubb did not want him (D) Flask did not want him

THINKING IT OVER

1. What did Starbuck mean when he said "I will have no man in my boat who is not afraid of a whale"? Do you agree with him? Explain.

CHAPTER 12

FINDING THE MAIN IDEA

1. This chapter is mostly about
(A) Stubb (B) Captain Ahab (C) Flask (D) the cook

REMEMBERING DETAIL

2. Ahab's artificial leg was made from
 - (A) a piece of wood
 - (B) plastic
 - (C) the jaw of a whale
 - (D) metal
3. Ahab was angry at Stubb for
 - (A) not doing his job properly
 - (B) being rude to him
 - (C) getting in his way
 - (D) suggesting that Ahab pad the end of his leg
4. Ahab wanted the sailors to keep their eyes open for a
 - (A) sperm whale
 - (B) white whale
 - (C) killer whale
 - (D) narwhal

DRAWING CONCLUSIONS

5. You can tell from this chapter that there is some mystery connected with
 - (A) the after hold
 - (B) the weather
 - (C) Stubb
 - (D) Ishmael

USING YOUR REASON

6. When Ahab said, "What business have I with this pipe? This thing is meant for quietness. I'll smoke no more" he would have meant the same thing if he had said
 - (A) I've got too much to do to waste time smoking
 - (B) my mind is not quiet and at rest
 - (C) I don't like this tobacco
 - (D) smoking makes me sleepy

IDENTIFYING THE MOOD

7. Which of the following best describes Stubb's feelings about Ahab?
 - (A) Respect
 - (B) Mistrust
 - (C) Anger
 - (D) Trust

READING FOR DEEPER MEANING

8. It is becoming more and more obvious that Captain Ahab is a man with
 - (A) something on his mind
 - (B) a kindly face
 - (C) an even temper
 - (D) a very ordinary attitude

THINKING IT OVER

1. What are your impressions of Captain Ahab so far? Would you like to be a member of his crew? Explain.
2. What hints does the author give in this chapter that some kind of drama is to take place?

3. What do you make of Stubb's dream and his interpretation of it?

CHAPTER 13

FINDING THE MAIN IDEA

1. In this chapter the author is mostly interested in telling us about
 - (A) Dough-Boy
 - (B) the kind of food whalers eat
 - (C) the cabin and how it is used
 - (D) the harpooneers' table manners

REMEMBERING DETAIL

2. Who dined in the captain's cabin after Ahab and the mates?
 - (A) The steward
 - (B) The Crew
 - (C) The cook
 - (D) The Harpooneers
3. To satisfy the harpooneers' hunger, Dough-Boy would bring out
 - (A) spices
 - (B) old-fashioned beef
 - (C) a hunk of solid ox
 - (D) salt

DRAWING CONCLUSIONS

4. You can tell from this chapter that the mates
 - (A) would like to spend more time in the cabin
 - (B) were glad they did not have to spend any more time in the cabin
 - (C) looked forward to their meals
 - (D) were unhappy when dinner came to an end
5. The mates dined with Captain Ahab because
 - (A) they liked to
 - (B) it was the custom
 - (C) they were served better food at the captain's table
 - (D) there was nowhere else for them to go

IDENTIFYING THE MOOD

6. Which of the following best describes how the three mates feel as they dine with Ahab?
 - (A) Comfortable
 - (B) Uncomfortable
 - (C) Happy
 - (D) Honored

THINKING IT OVER

1. What does dinner in the cabin show about the relationship between Ahab and the mates? Explain your answer.

CHAPTER 14

FINDING THE MAIN IDEA

1. The main aim of this chapter is to
 - (A) describe Moby Dick
 - (B) reveal the real purpose of the voyage for Ahab
 - (C) describe the crew
 - (D) describe life on board ship

REMEMBERING DETAIL

2. Only one man opposed Ahab's plan to track down Moby Dick. He was
 - (A) Ishmael
 - (B) Queequeg
 - (C) Stubb
 - (D) Starbuck

DRAWING CONCLUSIONS

3. You can tell from this chapter that the hunt for Moby Dick will probably
 - (A) be a long one
 - (B) end in disaster
 - (C) be boring
 - (D) be successful

USING YOUR REASON

4. When the harpooneer said "Whales are as scarce as hen's teeth whenever thou are up there" he meant that Ishmael
 - (A) frightened off the whales
 - (B) was a good lookout
 - (C) did not keep a proper lookout
 - (D) could not see any whales because there weren't any
5. Ahab is determined to hunt down Moby Dick because
 - (A) he is obsessed with the idea of getting revenge
 - (B) they will get a lot of oil from Moby Dick
 - (C) the ship's owners told him to capture Moby Dick
 - (D) he wants to annoy Starbuck

IDENTIFYING THE MOOD

6. When Ahab made it clear that he was going to hunt down Moby Dick, Starbuck was
 - (A) surprised
 - (B) glad
 - (C) angry
 - (D) afraid

THINKING IT OVER

1. Do you agree with Starbuck that "Revenge on a dumb brute" is madness? Explain.
2. How would you feel about Ahab's desire to hunt down Moby Dick if you were a member of his crew?

CHAPTER 15

FINDING THE MAIN IDEA

1. The author's main purpose in this chapter is to
 - (A) show us how Ishmael feels about Moby Dick
 - (B) tell us more about Moby Dick
 - (C) describe the traveling habits of the sperm whale
 - (D) describe how whales sometimes damage ships

REMEMBERING DETAIL

2. Archy thought he heard
 - (A) a whale
 - (B) the hum of the keel
 - (C) a cough
 - (D) the flapping of a sail

DRAWING CONCLUSIONS

3. There is a hint in this chapter that
 - (A) Ishmael will fight Moby Dick and win
 - (B) the crew will turn against Captain Ahab
 - (C) Captain Ahab will defeat Moby Dick
 - (D) there are some people in the after hold who are not part of the regular crew
4. Ahab spent so much time on his charts because he
 - (A) was marking the ship's route on them
 - (B) was working out the best places to look for Moby Dick
 - (C) believed it was part of his job as captain
 - (D) had nothing better to do with his time

IDENTIFYING THE MOOD

5. What Ishmael has learned about Moby Dick must have made him feel
 - (A) admiring
 - (B) curious
 - (C) afraid
 - (D) anxious to see him

USING YOUR REASON

6. It has become clear by now, at least to Ishmael, that Captain Ahab is
 - (A) mad
 - (B) sane
 - (C) cowardly
 - (D) clear-headed

THINKING IT OVER

1. Have your ideas about whaling changed in any way as you have read from the first chapter in the book to this one? Explain.

2. Earlier on, you were asked if you would like to change places with Ishmael. Would you give the same answer now? Explain.

CHAPTER 16

FINDING THE MAIN IDEA

1. The author's main purpose in this chapter is to
(A) describe a storm at sea (B) show just how mad Ahab is
(C) show how the crew feels about Ahab (D) describe a whale hunt

REMEMBERING DETAIL

2. When the first whale was sighted, Captain Ahab brought out
(A) five stowaways (B) rum for all the sailors (C) extra harpoons (D) a new pipe for Stubb

DRAWING CONCLUSIONS

3. You can tell from this chapter that Ishmael now realizes how
(A) careful a whaler Starbuck is (B) dangerous this voyage is likely to be (C) skillful Queequeg is (D) cruel Stubb is
4. Ahab pretended that this voyage was no different from any other because he
(A) wanted to catch as many whales as possible (B) was afraid that the crew might turn against him (C) was told to do so by Starbuck (D) wanted to convince himself that it was no different

IDENTIFYING THE MOOD

5. Which of the following best describes Starbuck's feelings when the five stowaways appear?
(A) Resignation (B) Fury (C) Pleasure
(D) Indifference

THINKING IT OVER

1. Were you surprised when the five stowaways suddenly appeared? Why had Ahab brought them on board? Explain.
2. Do you agree with Ishmael that "of all tools used, men are most likely to get out of order"? Explain.

CHAPTER 17

FINDING THE MAIN IDEA

1. This chapter is mostly about
(A) Moby Dick (B) Starbuck (C) the Cape of Good Hope (D) the journey of the *Pequod*

USING YOUR REASON

2. Instead of saying, "Cape of Good Hope, do they call ye?" Ishmael would have meant the same thing if he had said
(A) Cape of Good Hope is a good name (B) I like that name (C) I wonder who named it such? (D) Cape of Good Hope is not a good name
3. Ahab had hidden five extra men in the after hold because
(A) the owners of the *Pequod* were too mean to supply him with all the crew he needed (B) he knew the owners would not approve of his joining in the whale hunt with his own boat (C) there was no room for them in the crew's quarters (D) he did not want them to have to do any ordinary work

READING FOR DEEPER MEANING

4. It is clear from this chapter that Ahab is
(A) still obsessed with the idea of hunting down Moby Dick (B) getting tired of the chase (C) bored (D) feeling ill

THINKING IT OVER

1. Do you think that Ahab's plan to join personally in the hunt for Moby Dick is wise? Explain.

CHAPTER 18

REMEMBERING DETAIL

1. The first ship to give Ahab news of Moby Dick was the
(A) *Town-Ho* (B) *Albatross* (C) *Goney* (D) *Pequod*
2. A gam is a
(A) barrel of oil (B) whale (C) ship's sail (D) social meeting of whale ships

DRAWING CONCLUSIONS

3. You can tell from this chapter that Ahab is determined to
(A) ignore all other whaling ships (B) capture Moby Dick
or die in the attempt (C) meet with the captain of every
whaling ship sighted (D) capture Moby Dick and tow him
to Nantucket

IDENTIFYING THE MOOD

4. How do you think that Ishmael felt after hearing the latest
news of Moby Dick?
(A) Thrilled (B) Unafraid (C) Surprised (D) Afraid

THINKING IT OVER

1. Why are whaling ships happy to meet other whaling ships
at sea?

CHAPTER 19

FINDING THE MAIN IDEA

1. The author's main purpose in this chapter is to
(A) describe brit (B) describe the feeding habits of sperm
whales (C) warn us that the *Pequod* may never return to
port (D) describe the great live squid

REMEMBERING DETAIL

2. Daggoo saw
(A) Moby Dick (B) a mass of brit (C) Java (D) the
great live squid

USING YOUR REASON

3. Starbuck would almost rather have fought Moby Dick than
seen the great live squid because he
(A) does not like the look of the squid (B) knows the
superstition about the squid (C) thinks that the squid
will kill them all (D) thinks that Moby Dick would be
easier to fight

IDENTIFYING THE MOOD

4. After hearing from Starbuck about the great live squid, the
crew feels
(A) confidence (B) sadness (C) anger (D) fear

THINKING IT OVER

1. If you were Ishmael, how would you feel after hearing
Starbuck's explanation of the great live squid? How would
you feel about changing places with Ishmael now?
2. Why does the author bring the superstition about the great
live squid into the story? Does it create any kind of mood?
Explain.

CHAPTER 20

FINDING THE MAIN IDEA

1. This chapter is about
(A) Stubb (B) the killing of a whale (C) whale meat
(D) sharks

REMEMBERING DETAIL

2. "There go flukes" means
(A) the whale is going underwater (B) the whale is dead
(C) there is a whale in sight (D) sharks are feasting on the
whale
3. The first member of the crew to kill a whale was
(A) Queequeg (B) Ahab (C) Tashtego (D) Stubb

DRAWING CONCLUSIONS

4. You can tell from this chapter that Ahab
(A) has lost interest in catching Moby Dick (B) still wants
to catch Moby Dick (C) finds whaling dull (D) wants
to go home

USING YOUR REASON

5. When the author says "The boat now flew through the water
like a shark which was all fins" he meant the boat was
(A) going very fast (B) clumsy (C) comfortable
(D) in danger of overturning

IDENTIFYING THE MOOD

6. As the boats chased the whales, the harpooneers were
(A) very bored (B) fearful (C) calm (D) wildly excited

THINKING IT OVER

1. When the whale finally dies, Stubb says "Yes; both pipes
smoked out!" What does he mean? Why does he use this
expression?

CHAPTER 21

FINDING THE MAIN IDEA

1. The main purpose of this chapter is to
 - (A) describe the butchering of a whale
 - (B) show how sharks are kept away from the dead whale
 - (C) describe the hunting of a right whale
 - (D) describe the meeting with the *Jeroboam*

DRAWING CONCLUSIONS

2. You can tell from this chapter that Fedallah will
 - (A) be pushed overboard by Stubb
 - (B) bring bad luck to the *Pequod*
 - (C) kill Moby Dick himself
 - (D) rob Ahab of his silver watch
3. You can tell that Stubb and Flask
 - (A) distrust Fedallah
 - (B) like Fedallah
 - (C) would like to be friends with Fedallah
 - (D) think that Fedallah will bring the ship good luck

USING YOUR REASON

4. When the author says "You would have thought we were offering up ten thousand red oxen to the sea gods" he meant
 - (A) there was blood everywhere
 - (B) sailors usually sacrifice to the sea gods
 - (C) there were live oxen on board the ship
 - (D) whales and oxen look alike
5. Ahab wanted a right whale caught because
 - (A) right whales give a lot of oil
 - (B) he wanted a whale steak
 - (C) he believed that a ship with a sperm whale head and a right whale head would never sink
 - (D) he wanted some lard

IDENTIFYING THE MOOD

6. In this chapter we more and more get the feeling that the *Pequod* will
 - (A) be successful
 - (B) come to some terrible end
 - (C) get back to Nantucket safely
 - (D) kill Moby Dick

THINKING IT OVER

1. Earlier, you were asked if you would like to change places with Queequeg. Would you give the same answer now? Explain.

CHAPTER 22

FINDING THE MAIN IDEA

1. The main purpose of this chapter is to describe how
 - (A) Queequeg rescued Tashtego
 - (B) Tashtego found the sperm sac
 - (C) Tashtego fell into the sperm sac
 - (D) sperm oil is brought on board

USING YOUR REASON

2. Tashtego rammed the bucket down into the sac
 - (A) by mistake
 - (B) to stop Tashtego from climbing out
 - (C) so he could climb down into the sac
 - (D) because he thought Tashtego could grab hold of it and pull himself out

IDENTIFYING THE MOOD

3. What is the quality that Queequeg is always showing?
 - (A) cleverness
 - (B) virtue
 - (C) humor
 - (D) courage
4. When the whale's head started to fall into the sea, those watching were
 - (A) startled
 - (B) amused
 - (C) horrified
 - (D) pleased

THINKING IT OVER

1. Describe the character of Queequeg as you see it. Tell what you admire about him and what you dislike about him.

CHAPTER 23

FINDING THE MAIN IDEA

1. This chapter is about
 - (A) the *Jungfrau*
 - (B) the race for a whale
 - (C) the sinking of a recently killed whale
 - (D) a scarcity of oil

REMEMBERING DETAIL

2. The German captain would have won the race but
 - (A) the *Pequod*'s seamen were more skillful
 - (B) the *Pequod*'s mates tricked him
 - (C) one of his crew made a bad stroke in rowing
 - (D) the whale changed direction
3. Captain de Deer did not stop to put his lamp and oil on board the *Jungfrau* because
 - (A) he saw whales
 - (B) he decided to stay on board the *Pequod*
 - (C) his crew would not let him
 - (D) he decided to go rowing instead

USING YOUR REASON

4. When Stubb said "here's grass growing in the boat's bottom" he really meant
(A) we're going too fast (B) we're going much too slowly
(C) sometimes plants and grass grow in the bottoms of boats
(D) soon there won't be room for us in the boat
5. In this chapter Flask shows himself to be
(A) the most skillful of the mates (B) clumsy (C) cruel
(D) kind-hearted

READING FOR DEEPER MEANING

6. In this chapter the author, or at least Ishmael, seems to be saying that whale hunting is
(A) good sport (B) boring (C) exciting (D) cruel

THINKING IT OVER

1. What happens in this chapter that shows Flask to be cruel?
2. Discuss Stubb's sense of humor. Is his the kind of humor that you enjoy? Explain.
3. Do you get any feeling in this chapter that Ishmael's feelings about whales have changed? Explain.

CHAPTER 24

FINDING THE MAIN IDEA

1. This chapter is mostly about
(A) the pirates (B) the behavior of whales in herds
(C) drugging (D) whaling laws

REMEMBERING DETAIL

2. The *Pequod* met the herd of whales
(A) by the Philippine Islands (B) at the equator (C) in the Straits of Sunda (D) in Peru
3. The drugg was used when
(A) the whalers were feeling lazy (B) all the harpoons had been used (C) there were too many whales to deal with at once (D) the weather was bad

USING YOUR REASON

4. The whalers prefer old Nantucket water to fresh water from Peruvian or Indian streams because they

(A) do not like leaving the ship to get fresh water (B) do not like the taste of fresh water (C) have not the time to collect fresh water (D) know that the Nantucket water is safe

5. The whales were hurrying through the narrow waters because they
(A) knew that they could easily be caught there (B) liked to swim fast (C) were afraid of the pirates (D) knew the food was better in the open sea

THINKING IT OVER

1. Whose side are you on—the whales or the whalers? Why?
2. What do you think of the author's imagery in this chapter? Do you think that it is successful in creating the picture that he wants? Explain.

CHAPTER 25

FINDING THE MAIN IDEA

1. This chapter is mostly about
(A) ambergris (B) the trick Stubb played on the captain of the *Rosebud* (C) blasted whales (D) how Pip lost his mind

REMEMBERING DETAIL

2. Stubb wanted the dried-up whale because
(A) he knew that it would give good oil (B) he was very fond of whale steak (C) he was in the mood for playing tricks (D) there was the chance that it would contain ambergris
3. Stubb made two trips to the *Rosebud* because
(A) it was a beautiful day (B) Ahab wanted news of Moby Dick and Stubb did not want to keep him waiting (C) the *Rosebud*'s mate invited him to come back (D) the first time he went he forgot part of his business

USING YOUR REASON

4. When Stubb said to the *Rosebud*'s first mate "What's the matter with your nose, there?" he meant
(A) you look as though you have broken your nose
(B) what an ugly nose you have (C) how on earth can you

stand the smell of that blasted whale? (D) you have a pimple on your nose

5. The French captain decided to get rid of the whales because
(A) the chief mate told him that Stubb said they were
dangerous to the crew's health (B) Stubb told him that
they would give no oil (C) Stubb told him that they would
drag the ship down (D) he decided they were slowing the
ship down too much

IDENTIFYING THE MOOD

6. How do you think Stubb felt when he found the ambergris?
(A) Dissappointed (B) Amused (C) Surprised
(D) Triumphant

THINKING IT OVER

1. Was Stubb completely honest with the French captain? In the
circumstances, would you have done the same thing?
2. Why do you think that the author casually tosses in the story
of Pip?

CHAPTER 26

FINDING THE MAIN IDEA

1. The main purpose of this chapter is to
(A) describe the English captain (B) show how another
of Moby Dick's victims felt about the whale (C) show how
hard it is for Ahab to get around (D) describe a ship's
surgeon

REMEMBERING DETAIL

2. The English captain had lost his
(A) arm (B) left leg (C) hand (D) right foot
3. The English captain's arm was torn by
(A) Moby Dick's teeth (B) a knife (C) a rope (D) the
barb of a harpoon

DRAWING CONCLUSIONS

4. You can tell that the English captain thinks that anyone who
has lost a limb to Moby Dick and want to fight him again is
(A) a fool (B) very brave (C) wise (D) a coward

USING YOUR REASON

5. Instead of saying "This man's blood is at the boiling point"

the surgeon would have meant the same thing if he had said
(A) he seems to have a headache (B) his brain must have
been affected or he would not want to chase Moby Dick
(C) he is coming down with a cold (D) this hot weather
does not suit him

6. The English captain will not try to capture Moby Dick again
because
(A) the whale will not give any oil (B) he thinks it would
be a shame to kill such a noble whale (C) he does not want
to lose another limb (D) there would be no glory in killing
him

THINKING IT OVER

1. Compare Ahab's attitude toward Moby Dick with that of the
English captain. Which, do you think, would have been your
attitude if you had ever come into contact with the whale?
Explain.

CHAPTER 27

FINDING THE MAIN IDEA

1. The main purpose of this chapter is to
(A) explain what "up Burtons" means (B) tell us where
the *Pequod* is (C) describe the hoisting of the casks
(D) show the depth of Ahab's obsession with Moby Dick

REMEMBERING DETAIL

2. When Starbuck did not obey him, Ahab
(A) threatened him with a musket (B) told Flask to take
over (C) went on deck (D) listened to him
3. Starbuck wanted Ahab to
(A) order the ship to change course (B) have the barrels
brought up and examined (C) turn back to Nantucket
(D) have the leaking barrels thrown overboard

DRAWING CONCLUSIONS

4. You can tell from this chapter that
(A) Ahab wants to do right by the owners (B) Ahab is
determined to take as much oil as possible (C) Ahab does
not care what happens to his ship or crew as long as he gets
Moby Dick (D) Ahab is afraid of the owners

USING YOUR REASON

5. When Ahab said "And I was not speaking or thinking of that at all. Begone! Let it leak!" he meant
(A) all I care about is Moby Dick (B) I don't want to lose any oil (C) the weather is much too stormy to bring the casks on deck (D) I don't believe we're going to lose enough oil to worry about
6. Starbuck wanted to up Burtons because he
(A) wanted to save the oil for which the ship was making its voyage (B) did not like the mess the leaking oil was making (C) wanted to annoy Ahab (D) wanted to give the crew something to do

IDENTIFYING THE MOOD

7. How must Starbuck have felt when Ahab threatened him with the loaded musket?
(A) Annoyed (B) Terrified (C) Puzzled (D) Amused

THINKING IT OVER

1. Why was Ahab so against Starbuck's suggestion that they up Burtons? Why do you think Ahab finally gave in?
2. Why do you think that Ahab eventually followed Starbuck's suggestion? Explain your answer.

CHAPTER 28

REMEMBERING DETAIL

1. Queequeg requested that
(A) no one should come to visit him (B) his coffin be kept out of his sight (C) water and biscuits be put in the coffin (D) Yojo be given to Ishmael
2. After he got better, Queequeg used his coffin as a
(A) bed (B) sea chest (C) lifebuoy (D) bench

DRAWING CONCLUSIONS

3. You can tell from this chapter that Ishmael thinks that
(A) Queequeg does not work hard enough (B) whaling men have easy lives (C) he works harder than anyone (D) captains do not work very hard

USING YOUR REASON

4. When Queequeg talked about "certain little canoes of dark wood" he meant

- (A) coffins (B) the canoes of his native island

- (C) carved boxes (D) sea chests

5. Queequeg became sick because

- (A) being a harpooneer was too hard for him (B) he worked in the bottom of the ship when the casks were being brought up (C) he was not getting enough to eat (D) he was homesick

CHAPTER 29

FINDING THE MAIN IDEA

1. This chapter is mainly about
(A) the blacksmith's family (B) the special harpoon that Perth made for Ahab (C) Ahab's knowledge of blacksmithing (D) the blacksmith's shop

USING YOUR REASON

2. Ahab wanted the harpoon to be tempered with blood because he
(A) wanted the harpooneers to be bound to him in his fight (B) thought it would temper the steel better than water (C) believed it would insure the killing of Moby Dick (D) wanted to follow an old custom of the harpooneers

IDENTIFYING THE MOOD

3. Which of the following best describes how Perth felt about the harpoon he was making?
(A) Proud (B) Indifferent (C) Pleased (D) Uneasy

THINKING IT OVER

1. Why did Ahab take so much trouble over the harpoon that Perth was making for him?

CHAPTER 30

FINDING THE MAIN IDEA

1. In this chapter the author is mostly interested in
(A) showing that Ahab has no sense of humor
(B) describing the killing of four whales (C) describing the luck of the *Bachelor* (D) contrasting the *Bachelor's* happy crew and the *Pequod's* uneasy crew

2. The *Bachelor*'s voyage had been
(A) successful (B) short (C) dangerous (D) boring
3. The try-works were a furnace used for
(A) heating the ship (B) cooking the oil from whale blubber (C) cooking the crew's meals (D) driving the engine in the ship

IDENTIFYING THE MOOD

4. When the crew of the *Pequod* saw the *Bachelor* on its way home, they were
(A) angry (B) glad (C) pleased (D) envious

THINKING IT OVER

1. Describe the contrast between the crews of the *Bachelor* and the *Pequod*. How would you have felt if you had been on the *Pequod* and had seen the other ship on its way home?
2. Does it seem to you that whalers sometimes have a casual attitude toward death? Explain.

CHAPTER 31

FINDING THE MAIN IDEA

1. In this chapter the author is mainly interested in
(A) showing that nothing will turn Ahab from his purpose
(B) describing a storm at sea (C) telling about the corposants (D) telling how a ship is equipped to deal with lightning

REMEMBERING DETAIL

2. One of the first things that happened in the storm was that
(A) a man was swept overboard (B) one of the ship's boats was lost (C) the sea stove in the bottom of Ahab's boat (D) Fedallah was injured by a falling mast
3. When it looked as though the sailors would no longer obey him, what did Ahab do?
(A) Ran to his cabin (B) Told Starbuck to go below decks (C) Threatened to kill the first sailor who changed the sails (D) Beat one of the sailors with his harpoon

USING YOUR REASON

4. Starbuck would like to have

Stubb (C) turned the ship around to take advantage of the wind and gone home (D) sailed on into the storm

5. When the author said the *Pequod* "was torn of her canvas" he meant
(A) the sails were torn to shreds by the wind (B) the sails had to be taken down because of the wind (C) the sails were put up so the ship would sail better (D) the sails were untouched by the storm

IDENTIFYING THE MOOD

6. Stubb's feeling during the storm was one of
(A) enjoyment (B) pleasure (C) fear (D) awe
7. At the end of this chapter many of Ahab's crew felt
(A) great respect for him (B) even more frightened of him than before (C) proud to be members of his crew (D) puzzled by his behavior

THINKING IT OVER

1. Ahab saw the corposants as a sign of good luck while Starbuck saw them as an ill omen. Why do you think they regarded the corposants so differently? With whom would you agree? Why?

CHAPTER 32

FINDING THE MAIN IDEA

1. The main point of this chapter is to show how
(A) the compasses went wrong (B) a man was lost overboard (C) Starbuck was tempted to kill Ahab (D) Queequeg's coffin was made into a lifebuoy

REMEMBERING DETAIL

2. The ship was sailing in the wrong direction because
(A) the steersman was half asleep (B) the compasses were out of order (C) the crew had decided to disobey Ahab (D) Starbuck had ordered the steersman to sail west instead of east
3. The lost lifebuoy was replaced by
(A) a lifebuoy brought from the storeroom (B) a lifebuoy from a different part of the ship (C) Queequeg's coffin (D) nothing

DRAWING CONCLUSIONS

4. You can tell from this chapter that
(A) Ahab is a poor seaman (B) Starbuck does not like his wife and son (C) Queequeg is superstitious (D) Starbuck thinks he will not live to see his wife and child again

IDENTIFYING THE MOOD

5. Because of all the things that were happening, the crew was becoming more and more
(A) excited (B) fearful (C) happy (D) angry

READING FOR DEEPER MEANING

6. Starbuck did not give in to the temptation to kill Ahab because
(A) he was a coward (B) Ahab woke up before he could do it (C) he was too decent a man to kill another (D) Flask came down to the cabin before he could do it

THINKING IT OVER

1. Why did Starbuck think about killing Ahab? Why did he not do it? What would you have done in his place?
2. The author describes in this chapter how Queequeg's coffin is to be turned into a lifebuoy. Do you think that this creates any particular kind of mood? Explain.

CHAPTER 33

FINDING THE MAIN IDEA

1. This chapter shows us how
(A) dangerous whaling can be (B) Ahab buries all decent feeling to chase the white whale (C) Captain Gardiner lost his son (D) Ahab spent his time watching for Moby Dick

DRAWING CONCLUSIONS

2. Ahab ordered the *Pequod* to pull away from the funeral service on the *Delight*
(A) out of politeness (B) so his own crew would not think of what might happen to them in the chase after Moby Dick (C) because the *Delight*'s captain asked him to (D) so the *Delight*'s crew would have room to throw the corpse overboard
3. Ahab would not stop to help Captain Gardiner search for his son because he
(A) knew that the owners of the *Pequod* would not approve

(B) did not want to waste any time (C) thought the son must already be dead (D) knew that his crew would not like it

IDENTIFYING THE MOOD

4. It is clear in this chapter that the crew is becoming more and more
(A) superstitious (B) angry (C) pleased (D) bored

READING FOR DEEPER MEANING

5. Ahab entrusted his life to Starbuck because he knew that
(A) there was no one else he could trust (B) Starbuck was the chief mate (C) Starbuck, however much he disliked the way the voyage was going, was a decent man (D) Starbuck felt the same way about Moby Dick as he did

THINKING IT OVER

1. Ahab said to Captain Gardiner, "God bless ye, man, and may I forgive myself, but I must go." What does this statement tell you about Ahab?
2. When Ahab made Starbuck his watchman, he was putting his life into Starbuck's hands. If you were in Starbuck's place, would you have taken advantage of this opportunity? Explain.

CHAPTER 34

FINDING THE MAIN IDEA

1. In this chapter, the author is mainly interested in telling us
(A) about Starbuck's sadness at not being with wife and child (B) about Ahab's life as a whaler (C) about Ahab's wife and child (D) that Ahab is sorry about what he is doing but cannot overcome his obsession

REMEMBERING DETAIL

2. Every morning, Starbuck's wife Mary
(A) carries their son to the hill to look for the first signs of Starbuck's ship (B) sits at the window waiting for Starbuck to come home (C) goes down to the sea to watch for Starbuck (D) writes a letter to Starbuck

DRAWING CONCLUSIONS

3. For a time, Starbuck thinks that Ahab will
(A) wreck the *Pequod* (B) give up the chase (C) commit suicide (D) have him killed

4. Ahab tells Starbuck that he must stay on board the *Pequod* during the chase after Moby Dick because
(A) he does not trust Starbuck (B) Starbuck has a wife and child, and this arouses Ahab's feelings of decency
(C) he thinks that Starbuck is a coward (D) Starbuck is the best man to look after the *Pequod*

THINKING IT OVER

1. Ahab knows very well that his obsession with Moby Dick is both foolish and dangerous. Can you explain why he cannot give up the chase?

CHAPTER 35

FINDING THE MAIN IDEA

1. In this chapter the author is mostly interested in telling us about
(A) the first sighting of Moby Dick (B) the first day's chase after Moby Dick (C) what happened to Ahab's boat (D) Moby Dick's huge size

REMEMBERING DETAIL

2. What happened to Ahab's boat in the chase after Moby Dick?
(A) It ran into the *Pequod*. (B) Nothing. (C) Moby Dick bit it in two. (D) It lost its oars.

3. Ahab ordered Starbuck to have some of the sails taken down because
(A) he wanted to overtake Moby Dick during the night
(B) the sails were torn (C) he did not want to sail over Moby Dick during the night (D) it was good practice for the sailors

DRAWING CONCLUSIONS

4. You can tell from this chapter that Ahab is
(A) a very experienced whaler (B) an inexperienced whaler (C) a poor seaman (D) a cowardly seaman

THINKING IT OVER

1. After reading this chapter, do you find any qualities to admire in Ahab? Explain.

2. If you had been in the first day's chase after Moby Dick, would you have wanted to go back for more? Explain.

CHAPTER 36

FINDING THE MAIN IDEA

1. In this chapter the author is mainly interested in
(A) telling about the death of Fedallah (B) describing the second day's chase after Moby Dick (C) describing the mood of the crew (D) showing how brave and cunning Moby Dick is

REMEMBERING DETAIL

2. What happened to the boats of Stubb and Flask?
(A) Moby Dick dragged them under the sea. (B) They crashed into each other. (C) They lost their oars.
(D) Moby Dick threw them into the air.

3. What happened to Ahab?
(A) He broke his arm. (B) He was knocked out. (C) His ivory leg was snapped off. (D) He was drowned.

4. Who was lost during the second day's chase?
(A) Queequeg (B) Starbuck (C) Dough-Boy
(D) Fedallah

IDENTIFYING THE MOOD

5. In the confrontation between Ahab and Starbuck it is clear that
(A) Ahab will die rather than give up the chase (B) Ahab will kill Moby Dick (C) the crew backs Starbuck
(D) Starbuck is surprised

6. On the second day of the chase, the crew's mood was
(A) somber (B) fearful (C) enthusiastic (D) angry

THINKING IT OVER

1. Why is it that the crew is suddenly no longer fearful?
2. What does the author mean when he says that "They were one man, not thirty"?

CHAPTER 37

FINDING THE MAIN IDEA

1. The main purpose of this chapter is to show
(A) how the confrontation between Ahab and Moby Dick ends (B) what had happened to Fedallah (C) how the sharks acted during the third day's chase (D) how

Starbuck felt when he saw Ahab go after Moby Dick again

USING YOUR REASON

2. When Ahab said "I will harpoon the first man that offers to jump from the boat I stand in" he meant
 - (A) I want someone to leave this boat
 - (B) I want all of you to leave this boat
 - (C) I will kill anyone who tries to run away from the chase now
 - (D) I do not want anyone unwilling in this boat
3. Ahab sent the other boats back to the ship because he
 - (A) did not like the way the crews were fighting Moby Dick
 - (B) knew they were damaged
 - (C) wanted the glory of killing Moby Dick to himself
 - (D) did not want any of the other crews to die

DRAWING CONCLUSIONS

4. You can tell from Ahab's remarks to Starbuck as he leaves the ship for the third day's chase that he
 - (A) knows he will not be coming back
 - (B) is getting tired of the chase
 - (C) wants Starbuck to persuade him not to go
 - (D) expects to kill Moby Dick on that day
5. What happened to the *Pequod*?
 - (A) It got away safely.
 - (B) Nothing.
 - (C) It lost some of its sails.
 - (D) Moby Dick sank it.

IDENTIFYING THE MOOD

6. Which of the following best describes Ahab's emotions as he prepares to die?
 - (A) Hatred
 - (B) Fear
 - (C) Sorrow
 - (D) Anger

THINKING IT OVER

1. The author ends this chapter with the sentence "And the great sea rolled on as it rolled five thousand years ago." What do you think he meant by that? Explain your answer.
2. Do you think that Starbuck felt only hatred for Ahab? Do you think he had any other feelings about Ahab? Explain.

CHAPTER 38

THINKING IT OVER

1. What does the author mean when he says, "It was the *Rachel*, who, still hunting her missing children, had found only me, another orphan"?