



# HOLY SPIRIT

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PREPARATORY SCHOOL

## *7th Grade English*

### Summer Assignment

Academic Year - 2023-2024

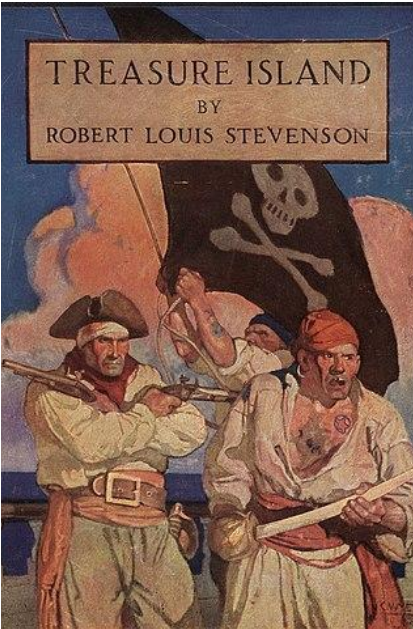
*Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson

**On Reading Good Books. . .** Reading good books not only feeds the imagination and forms the intellect, it engages the reader in a conversation with the best and brightest creative thought of the centuries. Classic works close the gap between generations, enrich our knowledge of foreign lands, and teach us of fundamental human experiences in a way that history books never can. Children raised up on nursery rhymes, beautiful children's poetry, fairy tales, and folk songs - those simple, charming stories that nurture the imaginative soil and root the young mind in good culture - desire to continue in the grand adventure of life by reading good books. Here we follow various heroes and are inspired by the way they strive and overcome, are compassionate to their suffering, happy in their happiness, humbled by their shortcomings, and invested in their ultimate success. The classic good books are inspiring, and beautiful language teaches us how to speak and write and tell a story, even without explicit instruction.



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During the summer months, 7th grade students are to read *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson. In this original tale of swash-buckling pirates, bloodthirsty for gold, we follow young Jim as he is swept up in a harrowing adventure to beat Long John Silver and a murderous crew to buried treasure on a forsaken island. We follow Jim as he navigates terrifying encounters and makes many narrow escapes, learning with difficulty in whom he can place his trust.

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### Assignment

**On notebook paper, students should be able to answer the following questions. Each answer should be 3 - 8 complete sentences long. Some questions will require longer answers than others. Write out the question before answering the question.**

- What happens to Jim's family at the beginning of the story?
- How does Jim end up on the voyage to Treasure Island?
- What kind of a captain is Captain Smollett?
- What kind of a captain is Captain Silver?
- Is Jim brave? Is he foolish?
- Who does Jim discover on the island? How does he discover him?
- How does Jim prove himself a capable man?
- How would you describe the life of a pirate?

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