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Moby Dick

KEY TO THE EXERCISES AND EXIT TEST

About the Author

Page 7 – Exercise 1

- 1 On 19 August 1819 in New York City.
- 2 His father went bankrupt and died soon after.
- 3 As a cabin boy on the British ship the *St Lawrence*.
- 4 It was the whaling ship on which Melville sailed.
- 5 Less than three years.
- 6 He decided not to go to sea anymore.
- 7 It is about his experience with the natives of the island of Nukahiva.
- 8 About thirty years.

Page 9 – Exercise 1

A 2 B 1 C 9 D 5 E 6 F 7 G 4 H 8 I 3 J 10

Page 10 – Exercise 1

- 1 go to sea
- 2 pay
- 3 good honest work
- 4 take orders from
- 5 to get along with
- 6 the great whale

Page 10 – Exercise 2

Open answers

Page 10 – Exercise 3

A 3 B 4 C 2 D 1

Chapter One

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A 3 B 1 C 4 D – E 6 F 0 G 2 H 7 I 5

Page 17 – Exercise 2

- 1 He says that he feels like a cold, wet November morning. The sea is an endless source of life and mystery.
- 2 It is Coffin, which is the box dead bodies are buried in.
- 3 1 He's trying to sell his own head – part of his body. 2 He's trying to sell a shrunken head that belongs to him. The second meaning.
- 4 He was a harpooner.
- 5 He was very frightened.
- 6 He too was frightened. He didn't know who Ishmael was and said he was going to kill him.

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3

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Open answers

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- 1 are used to working
- 2 am used to taking orders
- 3 will get used to not seeing
- 4 won't get used to being close
- 5 am used to working

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Open answers

Page 20 – Exercise 2

1 C 2 C 3 B 4 A 5 B

Chapter Two

Page 28 – Exercise 1

1 J 2 E 3 L 4 D 5 K 6 I 7 C 8 H

Page 29 – Exercise 2

1 E 2 A 3 C 4 D

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It is appropriate because it talks about the sea and a whale. It says that it is impossible to escape from God. God is more compassionate because he saves Nineveh, but Jonah wants him to destroy it.

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- 1 He was a king of Israel.
- 2 He was a prophet.
- 3 He worshipped a pagan god.

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1 sail 2 do 3 mend 4 clean
5 owned 6 whole 7 off 8 on

Chapter Three

Page 38 – Exercise 1

1 B 2 C 3 B 4 D 5 C

Page 39 – Exercise 2

1 whale 2 stair 3 folk 4 bird 5 cow
6 bone 7 pen 8 knew 9 your
10 sighs 11 neared 12 paid

Page 39 – Exercise 3

1 to spend the night 2 were taken
3 share 4 selling his head 5 tattoos
6 a kind and gentle person. 7 a boat
8 he had lost his leg 9 Elijah
10 doomed 11 demons 12 him
walking 13 scar 14 no one

Page 40 – Exercise 1

A 6 B 4 C 2 D 3 E 1 F 4 G 5 H 7
I 3 J 2

Page 41 – Exercise 2

- 1 Sperm whales have teeth and Humpback whales baleen. The sperm whale has a brow and the humpback whale doesn't.
- 2 They use it to catch small marine animals. The water passes through the baleen and the animals remain trapped.
- 3 The sperm whale is bigger. The sperm whale can stay under water longer. The sperm whale weighs more. The humpback eats tiny animals. The sperm whale has the bigger range.

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Open answers

Page 42 – Exercise 4

1 No 2 Yes 3 No 4 No 5 Yes 6 Yes
7 No 8 No 9 No 10 No



Chapter Four

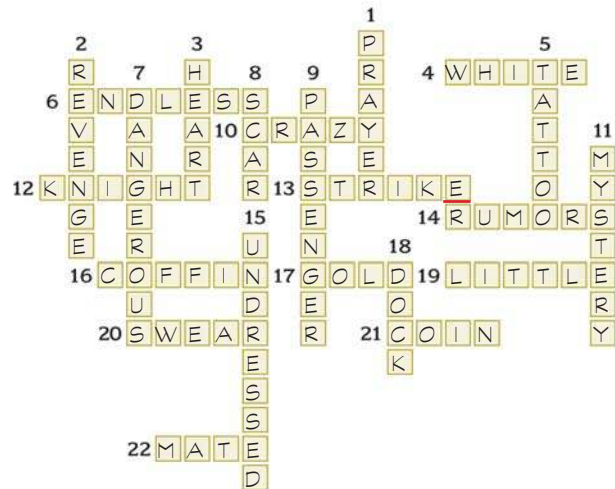
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- Shout out.
- Lower the boats and go after it.
- Ahab's
- Tashtego knows he has a strange way of diving; Queequeg that he has many harpoons in his body; and Daggoo that his spout is big and looks like a fountain.
- They became excited and were ready to hunt Moby Dick.
- For Ahab, to hunt Moby Dick. For Starbuck, to hunt whales and make money.
- According to Starbuck, it was his instinct. According to Ahab, because Moby Dick is evil.
- They promised to kill Moby Dick.
- The mates confirmed their promise by crossing their harpoons. The harpooners by drinking from the heads of their harpoons.

Page 50 — Exercise 2

Sample answer:

During my last voyage I met an evil



white whale. This white whale almost killed me. It took away my leg and almost pulled me in half, but I survived. It took me a long time to recover and the pain continues. But in all this period I have had only one thought: I will have my revenge — Moby Dick will die. I told no one about it. I could not tell the owners of the ship or they would not have chosen me as their captain. I knew that the practical Starbuck would not like my plan, but now the whole crew is with me. They have sworn and the harpooners have drunk to the death of that white demon. I am very happy now. They are all in my power. My mission is their mission, and Mr Starbuck and nobody else in the world can stop me. Certainly, the gold coin was a great idea!

Page 51 — Exercise 3

- 1 B 2 C 3 E 4 E 5 E 6 C 7 E 8 D
9 E 10 A 11 B 12 A 13 E 14 A 15 C

Page 51 — Exercise 4

Open answers

Page 52 — Exercise 5

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- 1 B 2 C 3 C 4 B 5 B

Chapter Five

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- He thought that they were real men who had been hiding in the hold.
- That the five extra men were Ahab's demons.
- He was an expert whale killer.
- He was Ahab's personal harpooner.
- He was at eye level with the sea and there was fog and mist everywhere.
- A storm arrived bringing wind and rain.
- The *Pequod* crashed into their boat.
- He was very calm as if it were the most normal thing in the world.
- He realized that each time he went out in the boats he was risking his life.

Page 60 — Exercise 2

- 1 A 2 B 3 A 4 A 5 D 6 C 7 B 8 D
9 A 10 A

Page 61 — Exercise 3

- never swam with other
- was the first time
- could not row any
- that sort of thing happened
- never went out without
- if we had lost

Page 63 — Exercise 1

- 1 lonely 2 lucky 3 another 4 looked
5 normally 6 time 7 friendly 8 took
9 happy 10 needed

Chapter Six

Page 70 — Exercise 1

- 1 C 2 A 3 A 4 A 5 C

Page 71 — Exercise 2



- 1 disappointment 2 evil 3 wet
4 whispered 5 first 6 enormous
7 remarkable 8 deep 9 everything
10 lower 11 clear 12 soft

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Open answers

Page 72 — Exercise 4

- A Q 6 He has many harpoons in his body.
B S 4 And I am here to make money on it.
C S 3 God help us!
D A 1 I'm like a man in prison and he's the wall.
E S 5 Give it to him now.
F S 2 It's an evil omen.

Page 73 — Exercise 5

- A 6 weathered; omen
B 7 escape; pierced

- C 2 whoever; revenge; madness
 D 4 lowered; demons
 E 1 masthead; hands; deck; hammer
 F 5 storm
 G 3 obsession; There; blows

Page 74 — Exercise 1

- 1 No 2 No 3 No 4 No 5 Yes 6 No
 7 Yes 8 No

Chapter Seven**Page 81 — Exercise 1**

- 1 Queequeg and another sailor.
- 2 with harpoons
- 3 the entire crew
- 4 An orange rind because it was peeled off the body of the whale in strips.
- 5 in the head
- 6 Candles and face creams.
- 7 They are on either side of the whale's head. The whale sees two different images of each thing. He thought that it was possible to see two sides of everything, but Ahab could only see Moby Dick in one way — as evil.
- 8 The deepest mysteries of life.
- 9 They let it float away in the sea.

Page 81 — Exercise 2

Open answers

Page 81 — Exercise 3

- A 7 B 4 C 9 D 2 E 5 F 6 G 1 H 8
 I 3

Page 82 — Exercise 4

- 1 everything 2 However 3 by
 4 which 5 such 6 some 7 even
 8 which

Page 84 — Exercise 5

Open answers

Page 84 — Exercise 6

Open answers

Page 85 — Exercise 7

- 1 Even though Queequeg had a very frightening appearance, he was a very kind person. / Queequeg was a very kind person, but he had a very frightening appearance.
- 2 Even though Elijah told Queequeg and Ishmael that the *Pequod* was doomed, they decided to sail on it. / Elijah told Queequeg and Ishmael that the *Pequod* was doomed, but they decided to sail on it.
- 3 Even though many people's livelihood depended on the success of the *Pequod*, Ahab was only interested in killing Moby Dick. / Many people's livelihood depended on the success of the *Pequod*, but Ahab was only interested in killing Moby Dick.
- 4 Even though many whalers had tried to kill Moby Dick, Moby Dick was still alive. Many whalers had tried to kill Moby Dick, but Moby Dick was still alive.
- 5 Even though Queequeg and Ishmael had almost drowned while hunting a whale, Queequeg was not at all upset. / Queequeg and Ishmael had almost drowned while hunting a whale, but Queequeg was not at all upset.
- 6 Even though whales are only animals, Ahab considered Moby Dick evil. / Whales are only animals, but Ahab considered Moby Dick evil.
- 7 Even though it was very difficult to cut off a whale's head on the rough sea, Stubb did it. / It was very difficult to cut off a whale's head

on the rough sea, but Stubb did it.

- 8 Even though Ahab did not care that Stubb had killed a whale, Stubb celebrated his kill. / Ahab did not care that Stubb had killed a whale, but Stubb celebrated his kill.
- 9 Even though Moby Dick bit off Ahab's leg, Ahab did not die. / Moby Dick bit off Ahab's leg, but Ahab did not die.
- 10 Even though the whale was not Moby Dick, Ahab told them to lower the boats. / The whale was not Moby Dick, but Ahab told them to lower the boats.

A Short History of Whaling**Page 90 — Exercise 1**

- 1 F — The first whalers were probably from the area that is now South Korea.
- 2 F — They hunted them from small open boats.
- 3 T
- 4 F — They hunted whales many years before the Europeans arrived.
- 5 T
- 6 T
- 7 F — It replaced whale oil in the 1800s.

Page 91 — Exercise 1

- 1 B 2 B 3 A 4 C 5 C 6 C

Chapter Eight**Page 99 — Exercise 1**

- 1 I 2 N 3 K 4 F 5 B 6 M 7 G 8 L
 9 A 10 J

Page 100 — Exercise 2

- 1 spiritual 2 inspiration 3 entirely
 4 numerous 5 signature 6 tattooed

- 7 royalty 8 applying 9 painful
 10 completely 11 arrival
 12 fashionable 13 sailors
 14 missionaries 15 revival

Page 101 — Exercise 3

Open answers

Page 102 — Exercise 1

Open answers

Page 102 — Exercise 2

- 1 find Moby Dick / sail
- 2 the eastern horizon
- 3 they could survive
- 4 hold down the whaling boats
- 5 at the tips of the sails
- 6 amazed
- 7 to turn the ship around
- 8 he was obsessed with Moby Dick
- 9 lead them to Moby Dick

Chapter Nine**Page 111 — Exercise 1**

- 1 They thought it was a bad omen.
- 2 He thought it would lead him to Moby Dick.
- 3 He would kill them if they turned the ship around. Also they had promised to kill Moby Dick.
- 4 Killing him or making him prisoner.
- 5 It is wrong to kill, and it would be impossible to keep Ahab as prisoner.
- 6 He has seen Moby Dick and he has not killed him.
- 7 He refused to help Gardiner look for his son because it would take time away from his search for Moby Dick.
- 8 He has a wife and son.
- 9 He talks about his wife and his personal feelings.

Page 111 – Exercise 2

A 4 B 9 C 2 D 6 E 8 F 3 G 10
H 5 I 7 J 0 K 1

Page 112 – Exercise 3

1 A 2 F 3 D 4 B

Page 114 – Exercise 1

- 1 Ahab's eyes
- 2 Moby Dick's hump
- 3 The sea
- 4 Moby Dick's open mouth

Page 114 – Exercise 2

- 1 He can smell him.
- 2 Ahab does.
- 3 Moby Dick does.
- 4 Moby Dick coming up from the depths.
- 5 It was thrown into the air.

Chapter Ten**Page 122 – Exercise 1**

- 1 T
- 2 T
- 3 F – They hit him but Moby Dick tangled up their lines.
- 4 F – He was only more determined to kill Moby Dick.
- 5 T

6 F – He thought that Moby Dick didn't want Ahab: it was Ahab who wanted Moby Dick.

7 T

8 F – The rope of his harpoon got caught around his neck, and Moby Dick pulled him into the water.

9 F – Only Ishmael survived.

Page 122 – Exercise 2

- 1 they boiled it
- 2 were leaking
- 3 coffin
- 4 he still had something to do
- 5 storm
- 6 was against them
- 7 his son
- 8 humanity
- 9 smell it
- 10 peg leg
- 11 neck
- 12 coffin

Page 123 – Exercise 3

Open answers

Page 124 – Exercise 4 A

Open answers

Page 124 – Exercise 4 B

1 G 2 I 3 H 4 F 5 E 6 D 7 A 8 C
9 B

1 Answer the following questions.

- 1 Why did Ishmael decide to go to sea?
- 2 Why was the name of the inn-keeper of the Spouter Inn disturbing?
- 3 Why was Jonah an appropriate subject for Father Mapple's sermon?
- 4 What was Queequeg's family background?
- 5 What was distinctive about Ahab's face?
- 6 What did Ahab offer the man who first sighted Moby Dick?
- 7 What did Ahab have the crew promise?
- 8 Why did Ishmael decide to write his last will and testament?
- 9 What lesson did Ishmael take from the position of the whale's eyes?
- 10 How did Ahab react when Starbuck insisted on looking for the leaking barrels?
- 11 Why did Queequeg want to be buried at sea in a coffin?
- 12 How did Ahab die?

2 Are the following statements true (T) or false (F)? Correct the false ones.

- 1 Ishmael went to sea as a sailor because he had never done that job before.
- 2 Queequeg said he would kill Ishmael when he first saw him.
- 3 Ishmael let Queequeg choose their ship.
- 4 Before the voyage of the *Pequod*, Ahab had already struck Moby Dick with a harpoon.
- 5 Ishmael did not promise to follow Ahab's mission with the other members of the crew.
- 6 Starbuck told Ahab that Moby Dick was his greatest enemy.
- 7 Queequeg didn't die because he decided not to.
- 8 Ahab had no family.
- 9 Before he was attacked, Moby Dick didn't look ferocious.
- 10 The crew of the *Pequod* fought Moby Dick for three days.

- 1** **1** Because he was feeling rather depressed.
- 2** His name was Coffin, and a 'coffin' is the box that dead bodies are put in.
- 3** Because the sermon was for whalers, and Jonah was swallowed by a whale.
- 4** They were members of royalty.
- 5** It had a long scar.
- 6** A gold coin.
- 7** That they would hunt and kill Moby Dick.
- 8** Because, after his first whale hunt, he saw just how dangerous whaling really was.
- 9** The eyes are located on either side of the whale's head. This means he has two different views of things. He thinks it would be good if men had two different view of the things, and not just one.
- 10** Ahab pulled out a musket and pointed it him.
- 11** He didn't want the sharks to eat him.
- 12** The rope of his harpoon got caught around his neck, and Moby Dick pulled him down.
- 2** **1** F — He went as a sailor because he thought it is better to be paid than to pay.
- 2** T
- 3** F — Queequeg let Ishmael choose the ship because his idol Yojo told him to.
- 4** T
- 5** F — He agreed to do it, just as the others did.
- 6** F — He told him that it was he himself.
- 7** T
- 8** F — He had a wife and a son.
- 9** T
- 10** T