

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle

Chapter Questions

Chapter 1-2

1. The story is being told by the main character, _____.
2. The story is told from the _____ person point of view.
3. The captain of the *Seahawk* is named _____.
4. The second mate's name is _____.
5. What did the porters seem to fear? Why do you think Avi mentioned their fears? _____

6. Why was Charlotte distressed to discover that she would be the only passenger aboard the ship? _____

7. Which three words best describe Miss Doyle's quarters?

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| a. clean, neat, organized | c. spotless, polished, pristine |
| b. moldy, large, empty | d. small, dark, dirty |

8. What did Zachariah give to Charlotte? _____

9. Why did Zachariah think he and Charlotte could be friends, and why did Charlotte disagree with him?

Chapters 3-5

1. Why did Charlotte trust the captain? _____

2. What did Captain Jaggery mean when he said, "we shall have no democracy here"? _____

3. Miss Doyle found out the history of the Seahawk's last voyage
- a. from Dillingham.
 - b. from Captain Jaggery.
 - c. from Zachariah.
 - d. by overhearing the crew.

4. Why did the crew sign on with Captain Jaggery again? _____

5. What is a round robin and why did the captain show Charlotte one and ask her to be his eyes and ears among the crew? _____

6. Why did Charlotte lie to the captain about the person who gave her the dirk? _____

Chapters 6-8

1. Why did Barlow want to speak privately with Charlotte? _____

2. Why did Charlotte keep the dirk? _____

3. Why were the crew's quarters off-limits to Charlotte? _____

4. What did Charlotte's response to Zachariah's gift of sailor's clothing indicate about the development of her character? _____

Chapters 9-12

1. What did volunteering to go for Ewing's needle indicate about the change in Charlotte's character? _

2. Mr. Hollybrass hesitates often when taking orders from Captain Jaggery. What does that reveal about his feelings? _____

3. Why does Hollybrass continue to carry out Captain Jaggery's orders? _____

4. Why was Charlotte the only one to defend Zachariah against the captain? _____

5. At what point did Charlotte finally recognize the captain's true nature? _____

6. Do you think Charlotte made the right decision when she joined the crew? Why or why not. _____

Chapters 13-15

1. What did Charlotte mean in chapter 13 when she said, "And yet I had to climb. This was my restitution."? (if you don't know the meaning of restitution, look it up in the dictionary.) _____

2. Why is Charlotte's clothing such an important issue for the captain? _____

3. Charlotte Doyle is referred to by different names from Captain Jaggery and the crew. What were the new names and what was the significance of the each name?

Captain Jaggery now calls Charlotte _____ which indicates _____

The crew now calls Charlotte _____ which indicates _____

4. When did Grimes begin teaching Charlotte to use a knife? Why did he do this? _____

5. Why was Charlotte's handkerchief found near the dirk? _____

Chapters 16-18

1. Captain Jaggery accuses _____ of murdering Hollybrass.
2. The penalty for murdering a ship's officer is _____.
3. What did the captain's disheveled physical state indicate about his state of mind? _____

4. Has your impression of Mr. Keetch changed since you learned that he planned to hide Zachariah? Explain. _____

5. Was Charlotte correct about the difficulty Zachariah would have had in taking Captain Jaggery to court in Rhode Island in 1832? Explain. _____

Chapters 19-21

1. What did Zachariah mean when he said to Charlotte, "It does you honor"? _____

2. Why did the argument with Mr. Hollybrass provoke Captain Jaggery to violence? _____

3. What evidence supported Charlotte's assertion that the captain was mad? _____

4. In Chapter 1, the figurehead of the Seahawk reminded Charlotte of an avenging angel. How did its appearance in Chapter 21 support this interpretation? _____

5. Zachariah and Charlotte come to the conclusion that the murderer must be Captain Jaggery because

a. he saw Zachariah during the storm.

c. he had a knife just like Charlotte's.

b. his fingerprints were on the knife.

d. They heard him threaten to kill Hollybrass.

6. Jaggery's "informant" was _____.

7. How did Captain Jaggery die? _____

8. After Jaggery dies, the crew selects _____ to be the new captain.

Chapter 22

1. When Charlotte dressed to go ashore, she felt pinched and confined in her old clothes. What did her clothing symbolize to her. _____

2. Charlotte asked Bridget to call her by name instead of "miss" but Bridget refused. Why wouldn't she and why did this bother Charlotte? _____

3. What was Mr. Doyle's reaction to his daughter's journal? What did he do with the journal? _____

