

his men. And he saw ... skeletons.

“Quickly!” he shouted. “Back to the ship!”

They went back to the *Dauntless* and climbed up the side. They shot at the ghostly pirates, but they couldn’t kill them. Then Norrington saw Governor Swann.

“Are you OK, sir?” he asked.

“I’m OK. But where’s Elizabeth?”

“No,” said AnaMaria. “The *Black Pearl* is ours, not Jack Sparrow’s. He took my boat.”

“OK,” said Elizabeth. “Then I’ll go without you!”



In the cave, Jack, Will, and Barbossa looked at the gold.

“I don’t understand you,” said Barbossa. “Are you with them or with us?”

“I’m a difficult man,” said Jack. “Nobody understands me. Here, catch!” he said to Will, suddenly.

He threw a sword from the floor to the young man.

“Jack!” said Barbossa. “I almost liked you!”

Jack laughed.

“Remember, I am a pirate!” he said.

Jack fought Barbossa, and Will fought Barbossa’s men. Suddenly, Barbossa stopped.

The sailors looked at the food on the captain’s table.

“What will you eat first?” one asked.

“Cake. A lot of cake,” said the other man.

Quietly, Elizabeth climbed onto the *Pearl*. But then the pirates saw her.

“Hey, you! Stop!”

Elizabeth ran and the pirates followed. But they stopped when they heard a noise behind them.

“What was that?”

“I ...”

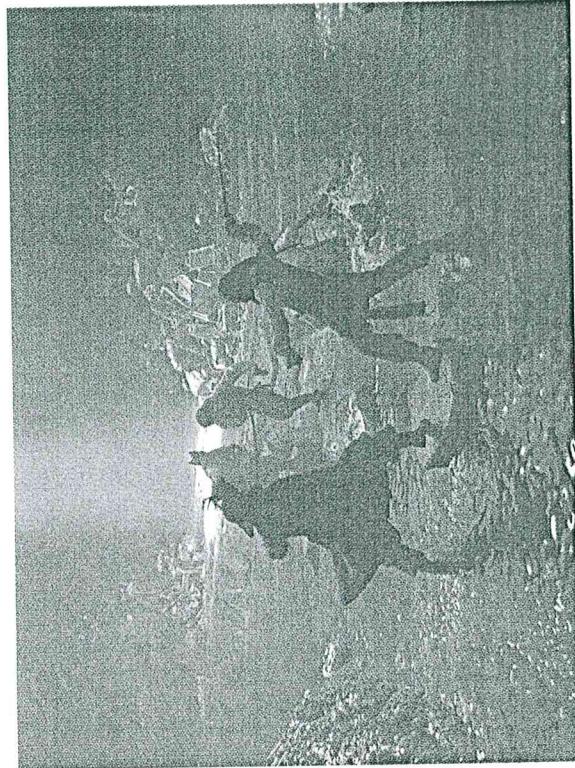
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“We’re Jack Sparrow’s sailors,” said one of them. “And now the *Black Pearl* is ours!”

“Good!” said Elizabeth. “We have to help Will. And Jack, too. Quick! We have to go into the cave.”

But the sailors didn’t move.



Jack fought Barbossa.

Chapter 14 The End of the Curse

At the same time, Elizabeth left the *Dauntless* and swam to the *Black Pearl*. She climbed up the side and heard pirates. There were only two of them on the ship. They wanted Barbossa to come back. They wanted the end of the curse.

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But the sailors didn’t move.

“You can’t win, Jack,” he said.
Then he pushed his sword hard into Jack. It went through him and came out of his back.

Jack stopped fighting. Will stopped fighting. They looked at the end of the sword.

“I liked your curse,” said Jack. “I wanted some gold, too.”

He pulled a gold medallion from his pants. He was a skeleton, too!

Jack pulled the sword out, and the two skeletons fought again. Barbossa was good with a sword, but Jack was better and quicker. But ghosts don’t die. He couldn’t kill Barbossa, and Barbossa couldn’t kill him.

Will fought the other pirates. Then, suddenly, he saw Elizabeth. “I want to help you,” she said.

She took a sword and started to fight.

But Barbossa saw Elizabeth, too. He put his sword near her head.

“I win, Captain Sparrow,” he said. “Give me your sword, or the girl dies.”

Jack didn’t move. He looked at Elizabeth and then at Will. He took out his gun and looked at Barbossa. Then he shot Barbossa. Barbossa smiled.

“Are you stupid? You wait ten years and then you use your gun on me. You can’t kill me!”

“He’s not stupid,” said Will.

He stood next to the box of pirate gold with the medallion in his hand. His hand was bloody. He put the medallion in the box. Barbossa stopped talking. He looked down at his shirt and saw blood. Then he fell down, dead.

At the same time, on the *Dauntless*, the other pirates changed, too. The skeletons were now men.

“What’s happening?” said one of them. “I feel ...”

Norriington’s men fought them easily. Some pirates died.

The men put the other pirates in chains.

In the cave, Jack cut his hand. He put some blood onto his medallion and put the medallion in the box. He took some other gold from the floor. Then he left the cave with Elizabeth and Will. But the *Black Pearl* wasn’t there.

He sat down.

“I’m sorry, Jack,” Elizabeth said.

“I understand,” said Jack. “I was late, so they didn’t wait. They were right. Pirates don’t wait for anybody.”

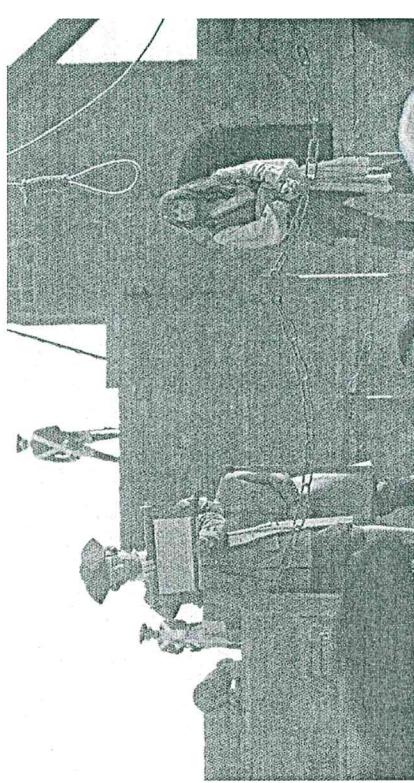
Chapter 15 The Last of the Pirates

Jack stood in front of the governor, Commodore Norrington, Norrington’s sailors, and people from the town.

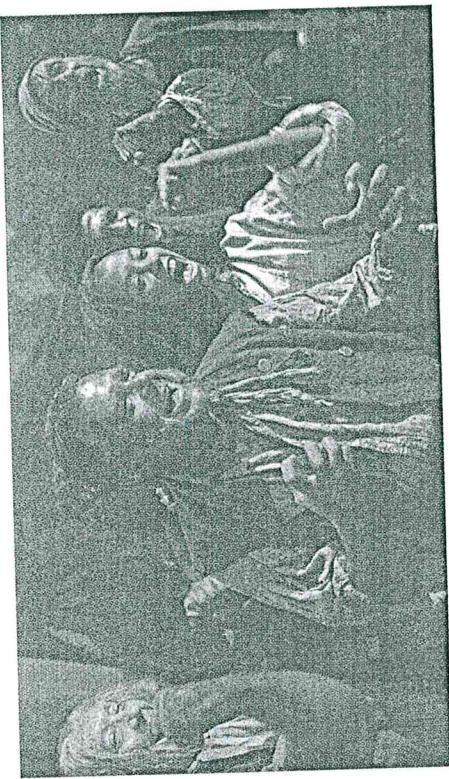
“It’s time, Jack Sparrow,” said the governor. “You’re a pirate, and now you have to die!”

“But Father!” shouted Elizabeth. “He’s a good man. He helped me, and he helped your men.”

“I know,” said the governor. “But he’s a pirate.”



“You’re a pirate, and now you have to die!”



Suddenly, Will was at Elizabeth's side. "I love you, Elizabeth," he said. "I wanted to tell you before, but I couldn't."

Then he ran to Jack and threw him a sword. They fought Norrington's men. Elizabeth and her father watched.

"Shoot Sparrow!" shouted Norrington. "Use your guns!"

Will stood in front of Jack.

"Shoot him, and you shoot me," he said.

"Will!" said the governor. "What are you doing? This man is a pirate!"

"And a good man!" Will shouted.

"You're nobody, Turner," said Norrington.

Will looked at him.

"I'm the man between you and Jack," he said. Elizabeth stood next to Will.

"And my place is here, too!" she said.

Norrington looked from Will to Elizabeth. He knew now. She didn't love him. She loved Will.

Jack looked at the people around them.

"Friends," he said. "Remember this day. On this day you almost killed ..."

But he didn't finish. He fell back into the harbor.

Everybody ran and looked down. There, below them, they saw the *Black Pearl*. And on the *Black Pearl* were Jack's sailors. They were there for their captain.

Norrington looked at Will. Then he looked at his sword.

"This is a good sword," he said. "A good man made it. I hope you're a good man, Will Turner." He turned to Elizabeth. "I hope you two will be very happy, Miss Swann," he said.

A sailor ran to them.

"Commodore Norrington, sir, do we follow the *Black Pearl*?"

"Not now. I think we can give them some time. We'll follow them later."

He walked away.

They were there for their captain.

Will looked at Elizabeth and she smiled back at him.

"Oh dear," said the governor. "He isn't a sailor—he isn't a captain. He's only a blacksmith."

"He's a pirate!" said Elizabeth. She smiled again.

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Jack swam to the *Black Pearl* and climbed onto the ship.

"You came for me!" he said to Gibbs.

Gibbs looked at the floor.

"I know it was wrong of us. But ..."

Jack smiled. He looked back at Port Royal. Then he looked out across the ocean. It was a beautiful day.

AnaMaria was at the front of the ship. She turned to him.

"Captain Sparrow," she said, "the *Black Pearl* is yours."

Jack took off his hat and his coat. Then he smiled and turned the boat to the east.

He started to sing:

"*Yo ho, yo ho, a pirate's life for me ...*"

ACTIVITIES

Chapters 1–3

Before you read

- 1 Look at the pictures in these three chapters. Answer these questions.
 - a What is happening in each picture?
 - b Which actors or people in the story can you name?
 - c Will the story be:
 - funny or sad?
 - exciting or boring?
 - about love or hate?
- 2 Look at the Word List at the back of the book. Answer these questions.
 - a What are the words in your language?
 - b What do you know about pirates?
 - c Do you know any other stories about a curse or about ghosts?
 - d Are there any islands in your country? What is the name of the biggest island?
 - e Are there any harbors? Where is the most important harbor?
 - f Are there any caves? Can you go into them? What can you see there?

While you read

- 3 Which are the right words?
 - a The Dauntless *is / isn't* a pirate ship.
 - b Elizabeth sees a *man / a boy* in the water.
 - c Elizabeth *wants / doesn't want* Norrington to see the medallion.
 - d She sees a *big black / white* ship.
 - e Norrington *likes / doesn't like* Elizabeth.
 - f The governor is going to give Norrington a *box / a sword*.
 - g The governor is *happy / unhappy* when Will smiles at Elizabeth.
 - h Jack Sparrow wants to take the *Dauntless / Interceptor*.
 - i Jack helps *Elizabeth / Norrington*.
 - j Norrington sees a *white letter / number* on Jack's hand.

After you read

- 4 Who are these people? What do you know about them?
 - a Elizabeth Swann
 - b Will Turner
 - c Jack Sparrow
 - d Norrington
 - 5 Answer these questions. Why:
 - a is Will wearing a medallion with a skull and crossbones on it?
 - b does Jack Sparrow want a new ship?
 - c does Jack put his chains around Elizabeth?
 - 6 Talk about the pictures in chapters 1–3.
 - a Who can you see in the picture?
 - b What are they doing?
 - c What are they saying?
- Chapters 4–6**
- #### Before you read
- 7 Discuss these questions.
 - a Where will Jack go now? Do you think Norrington's men will catch him? Why (not)?
 - b Do you think Elizabeth will marry Commodore Norrington?
- #### Why (not)?
- While you read*

 - 8 Are these sentences right (R) or wrong (W)?
 - a Jack Sparrow sees gold in the blacksmith's store.
 - b Will Turner fights Jack.
 - c Mr. Brown hits Jack on the head with a bottle.
 - d There is fog in the harbor when the pirates arrive.
 - e The pirates only start one fire in Port Royal.
 - f A pirate kills Will.
 - g The pirates take Elizabeth.
 - h The pirate captain's name is Pintel.
 - i The pirates want the medallion.
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- f Jack took *her* boat.
 - g Barbossa left *him* on an island.

After you read

- 9 Who is talking? Who are they talking to?

 - a "People are looking for you."
 - b "You're between me and that door."
 - c "He broke my bottle!"
 - d "Come out, little girl."
 - e "Come near me and I'll throw it in the water."

After you read

14 Discuss these questions.

 - a Why do the pirates think that they want Elizabeth?
 - b Why do they really want Will?
 - c What does Jack want? Why?

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Chapters 10-12

Before you read

- Student A:** You are Elizabeth. You want the pirates to leave Port Royal—now. Tell Barbossa.

Student B: You are Barbossa. You want Elizabeth, but you have to have the medallion,^{too}.

Chapters 7-9

Before you read

- 11 Read the first twelve lines of Chapter 7. What do you think will happen next in the story?

While you read

- Write a word in each sentence.

a When Will wakes up, his head

b He Commodore Norrington about the pirates.

c Will Jack for his help.

d He the cell door for Jack.

e Will and Jack the Dauntless from the English sailors.

f Norrington and his men the Dauntless on the

17 Which are the right words?

a The *Black Pearl* is *faster / slower* than the *Interceptor*.

b The pirates want Will because his father was / wasn't a pirate.

c The pirates send Jack and Elizabeth to *the cave / an island*.

d The sailors on the *Dauntless / Interceptor* see Elizabeth's fire.

f Will hits Jack hard.

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- g Will and Jack the *Interceptor* out of the harbor.

13 Who are they?
a There is a curse on *them*.
b The pirates want *her* blood.
c They are really ghosts.
d He knows about Will's father.

18 Why are these things important in the story?
a gold
b fire
c blood

19 Look at the pictures in chapters 10–12. Would you like to be one of the people in the cave, on the *Black Pearl*, or on the island? Why (not)? Tell the class.

Chapters 13–15

Before you read

20 What will happen to these people at the end of the story? What do you think?

- a Elizabeth
- b Will
- c Jack
- d Commodore Norrington
- e Barbossa

While you read

21 Write the names.

- a Who puts a knife to Will's head?
.....
- b Who wants to be the captain of the *Black Pearl* again?
.....
- c Who climbs on to the *Black Pearl*?
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- d Who pushes the two pirates into the water?
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- e Who pushes a sword into Jack?
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- f Who cuts his hand first and ends the curse?
.....
- g Who dies first?
.....
- h Who helps Jack in Port Royal?
.....
- i Who is going to marry Elizabeth?
.....
- j Who, at the end, is captain of the *Black Pearl*?
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After you read

22 Have a conversation between Jack and a new friend after the end of the story.

Student A: You are the friend. Ask Jack questions. Why is he a pirate? How did he get his ship? What is he going to do now?

Student B: You are Jack. Answer your friend's questions.

23 Which people are unhappy at the end of the story? Why? Talk about their feelings.

Writing

- 24 Write a letter from Elizabeth to a friend the day after she found Will in the water.
- 25 When the curse ends, the pirates change from skeletons into men. Write a conversation between two of them before they die.
- 26 Write about one of the pictures in the book. What is happening? What happened before this? What is going to happen next?
- 27 At the end of the story, Jack Sparrow and his friends sail away from Port Royal. What are they going to do next? Write the story.
- 28 Write a letter from the governor to his brother in England. Write about Elizabeth and Will, and the governor's feelings about Will.
- 29 Would you like to be a pirate? What is good about a pirate's life, and what is bad? Write about it.
- 30 A lot of things happen in this story. Which is the most exciting? Why?

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WORD LIST with example sentences

blacksmith (n) The *blacksmith* is making new shoes for my horse.

blood (n) He cut his hand, and there was *blood* everywhere. He is washing his *bloody* clothes now.

captain (n) When the *captain* speaks, everybody on the ship listens. But the captain has to listen to the **commodore**.

cave (n) Some animals live in *caves* in the mountains.

cell (n) The police caught the men with guns and put them into a *cell*.

chain (n) The police put *chains* around the man's hands and feet and took him away.

curse (n/v) In the story, a *curse* changed people into animals.

fog (n) We couldn't see anything through the thick *fog*.

ghost (n) Are there *ghosts* in this old building? I heard *ghostly* noises last night.

gold (n) People look for *gold* because they want to get rich quickly.
governor (n) When the *governor* has a party, the most important people go to it.

harbor (n) The men are in town because their ship is in the *harbor*.

island (n) They live on an *island* in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean.

medallion (n) The singer wears an expensive *medallion* under his shirt.

pirate (n) *Pirates* took the ship and killed everybody on it.

sail (v) Our friends are going to *sail* around the world in their new boat.

side (n) The child's ball hit the *side* of the house.

skeleton (n) The doctors studied *skeletons* when they were students.

skull and crossbones (n) There is a *skull and crossbones* on that ship. The men on the ship are very dangerous.

sword (n) Put the *sword* away. You are going to hurt somebody!