



UNDERSTANDING WHAT YOU READ

Read chapter three of the story then answer the following questions to see how much you understand about what you read.

1. How many convicts, according to the story, were transported on board the Surprise?
2. How does Joseph describe the ship he is on?
3. What was Davey Miller convicted of doing?
4. Who did Joseph remind Davey of?
5. List three disease that convicts died of on board the ship.
6. What do you think might have caused the supplies in the forward hold of the ship to move and therefore have to be re-stacked?
7. What was Joseph's job?
8. How did Joseph collect the sea water?
9. What caused Joseph to black out?
10. Which words in the text mean:
 - noxious, objectionable, or disgusting animals, especially those of small size that appear commonly and are difficult to control, eg flies, lice, bedbugs, cockroaches, mice, rats
 - a dishonest person
 - open to assault; difficult to defend



ON BOARD THE SHIP

Using the descriptions below see if you can label the parts of the sailing ship similar to the one Joseph was on.

- Bowsprit** - extends from the front of the ship.
- Bulkheads** - separate the ship into compartments.
- Captain's Cabin** - at the rear or stern of the ship, under the quarterdeck
- Fore Mast** - is nearer the front or bow of the ship.
- Keel** - keeps the ship steady and prevents rolling over.
- Hatch** - is a door on a ship leading down into the hold
- Hold** - provides cargo stowage and sleeping space
- Hull** - or skin of the craft, keeps the water out
- Jibs** - triangular sails from the bowsprit
- Main deck** - where most of the work is done,
- Main Mast** - is the tallest mast.
- Quarterdeck** - where the wheel, which operates the rudder, is located.
- Rudder** - is attached to the ship's wheel, and is used to steer the ship.
- Staysail** - is a rectangular fore-and-aft sail
- Topsails** - are attached to topmasts or extensions of the regular masts. (Sails are named for the masts on which they're rigged.)

