

# Moby Dick

## Herman Melville

Which character did what? Write a name from the box next to each sentence.

Queequeg Fedallah	Stubb Peter Coffin	Ahab	Pip	Ismael	Starbuck	Perth	Elijah
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- 1 Gave Ismael a warning not to join the *Pequod* \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Rescued Tashtego when he fell into the whale's head \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Pointed a gun at Ahab's head and almost fired \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Offered a gold coin to the first sailor to see Moby Dick \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Tricked the captain of a French boat into giving away a whale containing ambergris \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Sat silently watching the other men panic when being attacked by Moby Dick \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Offered Ismael a room to share with Queequeg in his inn \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Went mad after twice jumping into the sea when chasing a whale \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 Was the only survivor of the *Pequod* shipwreck \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 Was the blacksmith on the *Pequod* who made Ahab a special harpoon for Moby Dick \_\_\_\_\_

Read the sentences and circle True (T) or False (F).

- 11 T or F Queequeg was the son of a High Chief.
- 12 T or F Queequeg and Ismael met Ahab before sailing on the *Pequod* and believed he would be a good captain.
- 13 T or F Ismael had no previous experience of whaling before his trip on the *Pequod*.
- 14 T or F The captain of the *Samuel Enderby*, like Ahab, had lost a leg when chasing Moby Dick.
- 15 T or F During a storm, the masts of the *Pequod* caught fire and were destroyed.
- 16 T or F A coffin was used to make a lifebuoy for the *Pequod*.
- 17 T or F Ismael was in the whaleboat on the day the *Pequod* sank.
- 18 T or F Ismael was finally rescued by the *Samuel Enderby*.

Choose the correct answer a, b or c

- 19 What was it agreed that Ismael would receive at the end of the voyage?
  - a A gold coin
  - b A share of any profit from the voyage
  - c A barrel of oil

- 20 What did the look-outs shout when they saw a whale?
- a There she blows!
  - b Man overboard!
  - c Harpoon!
- 21 Why did Ahab want to kill Moby Dick?
- a Because she was a large whale containing a lot of oil
  - b Because he wanted revenge for his lost leg
  - c Because he wanted to make his wife proud
- 22 Which dead sea creature did they see which could bring bad luck or lead the crew to a sperm whale?
- a A shark
  - b A seal
  - c A giant squid
- 23 How were the white flames on Ahab's harpoon put out?
- a With water
  - b With one great breath from Ahab
  - c With one great breath from Fedallah
- 24 How did Ahab die?
- a His line caught around his neck and he was pulled from the boat.
  - b He was eaten by Moby Dick.
  - c He was thrown from the *Pequod* and drowned in the water.
- 25 Which of the following did not become a 'hearse' for the dead, as Fedallah predicted?
- a Moby Dick
  - b The *Pequod*
  - c Queequeg's coffin

Complete the sentences with the correct word from the box.

rank cannibal tattoos determined scar coffin coward  
orphan row persuade

- 26 In the bar, men of every different social \_\_\_\_\_, from officers to sailors, mixed together to eat at the same table.
- 27 Someone who eats human flesh is known as a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 28 Queequeg's body was covered in permanent ink drawings and shapes known as \_\_\_\_\_.
- 29 Ahab was \_\_\_\_\_ to catch Moby Dick and would not stop until he was successful.
- 30 A permanent mark left on the skin after a cut, such as the white mark on Ahab's face, is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 31 A long box, usually made of wood, in which a dead person is buried is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 32 Someone who is not brave enough to fight or do something difficult or dangerous that they should do is a \_\_\_\_\_.

- 33 A child whose parents have died is an \_\_\_\_\_.
- 34 When chasing a whale in small boats, the crew used oars to \_\_\_\_\_ towards the whale as fast as possible.
- 35 Starbuck and other crew members tried to \_\_\_\_\_ Ahab to stop hunting Moby Dick and go home, but they were unsuccessful.

**Choose the odd one out.**

- 36 seal squid shark school
- 37 hearse fever coffin burial
- 38 cargo coward prophet orphan
- 39 fierce irritable revenge accurate
- 40 shave razor fuel beard
- 41 scar oar stain tattoo

**Choose the correct verb form (infinitive or –ing) to complete the sentences from the book.**

- 42 I know that it is time for me *going* / *to go* to sea again.
- 43 It was my dream *hunting* / *to hunt* and *catching* / *to catch* a whale.
- 44 I was disappointed *discovering* / *to discover* that the little boat had already sailed.
- 45 Are you going *whaling* / *to whale*?
- 46 "Where's the harpooner who will share my bed?" I asked him when I had finished *to eat* / *eating*.
- 47 Without *to look* / *looking* towards the bed, he put the candle in a corner of the room.
- 48 Then you'd better get used *to share* / *to sharing* a bed.
- 49 *To remember* / *Remembering* the embalmed head, I first thought it might be the body of a real child.