



# **TRAFTON ACADEMY**

*Educating Minds, Building Character for Life.*

## **2025-2026 Trafton Academy Required Summer Reading List**

**All students are required to complete summer reading before the first day of school.**

### **3rd grade: *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*, by Beverly Cleary**

Students entering the third grade are required to read *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*, by Beverly Cleary. A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling. There will be a writing assignment when school begins, and each student will take the AR quiz for this book.

### **4th grade: *Mr. Popper's Penguins*, by Richard and Florence Atwater**

Students entering the fourth grade are required to read *Mr. Popper's Penguins*, by Richard and Florence Atwater. There will be a writing assignment when school begins, and each student will take the AR quiz for this book.

### **5th grade: *Sign of the Beaver*, by Elizabeth George Spear**

Students entering the fifth grade are required to read *Sign of the Beaver*, by Elizabeth George Spear this summer. There will be a writing assignment when school begins, and each student will take the AR test for this book.

### **6th grade: *Because of Mr. Terupt*, by Rob Buyea *City of Ember*, by Jeanne DuPrau**

In-coming 6th grade students are required to read *Because of Mr. Terupt*, by Rob Buyea and *City of Ember*, by Jeanne DuPrau by the first day of school. It will be important for them to understand the characters, setting, and plot of both novels. In addition, there will be a writing assignment on the book when school begins.

### **7th grade\*\*: *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, by Mark Twain *Appointment With Death*, by Agatha Christie**

Students entering the 7th grade are required to read *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* (any unabridged edition), by Mark Twain and *Appointment With Death*, by Agatha Christie this summer. It will be important for them to understand the characters, setting, and plot of both novels.

### **8th grade\*\*: *The Diary of Anne Frank*, any edition *Treasure Island*, by Robert Louis Stevenson**

Students entering the eighth grade are required to read *The Diary of Anne Frank*, any edition and *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson. It will be important for them to understand the characters, setting, and plot of both novels.

**\*\* For 7th and 8th grade students only:** There are required questions that the students must print out and answer by the start of school. The questions may be found on our website under the "i" circle at the top right hand of the webpage. In addition, there will be a writing assignment on the book when school.

# **Appointment with Death Questions**

## **Chapters 1-5**

1. What is the profession of Hercule Poirot?
2. At the beginning of the novel, Poirot overhears a conversation. Describe the conversation.
3. What characters are involved in this conversation?
4. At the beginning of the novel, what is the setting? (city, country)
5. Who is Sarah King? What is her profession?
6. Whom does Sarah meet? What is the person's profession?
7. What or whom do they observe?
8. Why had Sarah King gone on vacation?
9. What did Dr. Gerard observe about Lennox?
10. What did he observe about Mrs. Boynton?

## **Chapters 6-9**

1. To whom does Sarah King speak at the beginning of chapter six?
2. Describe their conversation. Who wants to be friends with Sarah, what is topping this friendship?
3. What plans do Sarah and this person make?
4. What was Mrs. Boynton's former occupation?
5. Does Dr. Gerard feel that Mrs. Boynton is well-suited to this occupation and why?
6. How did Nadine come to live with the Boynton's?
7. Whom does Mrs. Boynton forbid Carol to see?
8. What does Nadine encourage Lennox to do? What is her ultimatum?

9. What plans do Sarah and Dr. Gerard have?
10. Describe the conversation between Sarah King and Mrs. Boynton. What were Mrs. Boynton's words?
11. What did Ginerva say to Dr. Gerard?

## **Chapters 10-12**

1. Who was Lady Westholme?
2. What was she arguing about at the beginning of Chapter 10?
3. Who was her traveling companion?
4. On the way to Petra, where did they stop for lunch?
5. Whom was Sarah surprised to find at Petra?
6. After lunch, what did Mrs. Boynton want everyone to do?
7. Which person was the one exception?
8. Who went on the afternoon walk? Who stayed in camp?
9. What was the matter with Dr. Gerard?
10. Why did Raymond decide to go back?
11. After returning to camp, on whom did Sarah check?
12. What announcement did Sarah King make to Lennox?

## **Questions, Part II**

### **Chapter 1**

1. Who is Colonel Carbury?
2. Where is Colonel Carbury in the first chapter?
3. Whom does the Colonel consult?

4. What is supposed to have happened to Mrs. Boynton?
5. What does Colonel Carbury suspect? Why?

## **Chapter 2**

1. Who gives Hercule Poirot and the colonel an accounting of the events at Petra?
2. At what time was Mrs. Boynton found dead? Who examined her? Where was she found?
3. At what time did the following people speak to Mrs. Boynton?
  - a. Lady Westholme. Miss Pierce
  - b. Lennox
  - c. Carol
  - d. Jefferson Cope
  - e. Raymond
4. Why does Sarah King say that it was impossible for Raymond to have spoken to his mother?
5. What two discoveries does Dr. Gerard make upon awakening the morning after the murder?
6. What mark was discovered on Mrs. Boynton's wrist?
7. What medication was Mrs. Boynton taking?

## **Chapter 3**

1. Was Gerard pleased about the death of Mrs. Boynton?
2. How does Hercule Poirot plan to solve the mystery?
3. Whom does he plan to speak to?
4. How long does Hercule Poirot require to solve the mystery?

## **Chapter 4**

1. At what time did Sarah and Dr. Gerard take a walk after lunch on the day of Mrs. Boynton's murder?
2. What time did Dr. Gerard return to camp? Why?
3. Who continued on the hike?
4. What time did Sarah return to the camp?

## **Chapter 5**

1. Whom does Poirot interview?
2. What did Lady Westholme and Miss. Pierce do immediately after lunch?
3. At what time did Lady Westholme and Miss. Pierce decide to take a stroll?
4. Whom did they ask to accompany them? What did that person say?
5. Whom did Lady Westholme see with Mrs. Boynton on the afternoon of her death? What were they doing?
6. What did Hercule Poirot ask Lady Westholme to describe about Miss. Pierce at the end of the chapter?
7. What did Poirot ask Miss Pierce at the end of the chapter? Why?

## **Chapter 6-9**

1. What time did Lennox return to camp?
2. What did he do for Mrs. Boynton?
3. Upon his departure, what did Poirot write?
4. Why did Nadine think that Mrs. Boynton's death was her fault?
5. Who was the 'other man' in Nadine's life?
6. What happened to the bottle of digitalis?

7. Why did Nadine tell Poirot to let the matter rest about Mrs. Boynton's death?
8. Whom did Poirot interview in Chapter 8?
9. When did Carol last speak to Mrs. Boynton? How did Mrs. Boynton appear?
10. What did Poirot say to Carol about her conversation with Raymond in Jerusalem? How did Carol respond?
11. Describe the schedule that Poirot wrote in Chapter 9.

### **Chapter 10-14**

1. Whom did Poirot interview in Chapter 10?
2. What significant points did Poirot write down?
3. Which two people did Poirot interview in Chapter 11?
4. What did Gerard say about Mrs. Boynton?
5. In Chapter 12, what does Ginevra say happened in her tent on the day of the murder?
6. What statement does Sarah King quote to Hercule Poirot? What is the setting for the quote?
7. In Chapter 14, Miss Pierce tells Poirot that she had seen someone throw something away. Who was this person, and what did that person throw away?
8. On the day of the murder, what did Dr. Gerard find missing in his tent?
9. What was so significant about the words that Sarah King repeated to Hercule Poirot? How did these words allow Poirot to deduce the possible motive for Mrs. Boynton's murder?

# **Tom Sawyer Questions**

## **Chapter 1**

1. From what point of view is the novel written?
2. With whom does Tom live? Describe Sid.
3. In this chapter, Tom meets a stranger. Describe the meeting.

## **Chapter 2**

1. How does Tom manage to whitewash the fence in one day?

## **Chapter 3**

1. How does Aunt Polly feel about Tom's accomplishment?
2. How does he get back to Sid for telling on him in Chapter One?
3. Who does Tom spot at Jeff Thatcher's house?
4. What misdeed is Tom punished for that was Sid's fault? How does Tom react to this punishment?

## **Chapter 4**

1. What did the children receive for 2,000 Bible verses?
2. How did Tom get his prize?
3. How does Tom react to Pain-Killer?

## **Chapter 13**

1. Why is Tom feeling so sorry for himself?

2. What did Tom, Huck, and Joe Harper decide to do?
3. Where did they go?

### **Chapter 14-15**

1. While the boys were camping out, who did they spot?
2. Where does Tom go when they leave their campsite?
3. What does he overhear?

### **Chapters 17-18**

1. What happens when the boys return from St. Petersburg?
2. What position in the community does Tom now enjoy?
3. Why was Becky so angry?

### **Chapter 20**

1. What bad deed did Becky do in school?
2. Who caught her?
3. What noble act did Tom perform?

### **Chapters 22-24**

1. What were the Cadets of Temperance?
2. How does Tom become a hero again?
3. What happens to Injun Joe?

### **Chapters 25-28**

1. What new adventure do Tom and Huck embark upon?



2. Who do they encounter while they are at the haunted house?

### **Chapters 29-31**

1. What happened at the picnic?
2. What was wrong with Huck?
3. Whom did Tom see in the cave?

### **Chapter 32**

1. How did Tom and Becky escape?
2. What did the judge do?

### **Chapters 33-35**

1. What happened to Injun Joe?
2. What did Tom and Huck receive?
3. Who took care of Huck?

# **The Diary of Anne Frank Questions**

## **Pages 1-21**

1. What is the date of the first diary entry?
2. What is Anne's birthday? How old is she?
3. What did Anne receive for her birthday?
4. What did she plan to do with her birthday money?
5. Who was Lies?
6. What does Anne call her diary?
7. In May 1940, what happens to the Jewish population of Amsterdam?
8. What was Anne forced to do in Mr. Keptor's math class?
9. What kind of personality does Anne have?
10. Who is Margot? How old is she?
11. What incident caused the Franks to go into hiding?
12. Which people working for Mr. Frank knew about the Secret Annexe?
13. Describe the building in which the Secret Annexe is located.
14. What is the Westertoren?

15. What is wrong with Margot's health?

## **Pages 22-47**

1. When did the Van Daans arrive at the Secret Annexe?
2. Who is Peter? Describe his personality.
3. What is the W.C.?
4. How do Anne and Mrs. Van Daan get along?
5. What is Anne's nickname for her father?
6. What are the bathing arrangements for the people of the Annexe?
7. What sort of relationship did the Van Daans have? How did Peter feel about this?
8. What does Anne hear about her Jewish friends?
9. Who is Miep? Is she able to help the Jews living outside the Annexe?
10. What incident occurred that caused Anne to think that they might be caught?

## **Pages 47-60**

1. What is wrong with Mr. Frank?
2. How does Anne get along with her mother?
3. Who joins the people in the Secret Annexe?

4. Who writes a set of Annexe “rules”?
5. What does Anne discover about her warm feelings for her father? Why does this upset her?
6. What two holidays do the people of the Annexe celebrate?
7. What type of cooking does Mr. Van Daan do?
8. Describe the incident involving Dussel and Mrs. Van Daan when he was treating her to dental work?

### **Pages 61-80**

1. What does Anne think of the children in the neighborhood? Are they Jewish?
2. What do the people living in the Annexe offer the people who come to help them and to offer them news?
3. What “burglars” in the attic did Mrs. Van Daan think she heard?
4. What happened to the building in which the Secret Annexe was located?
5. What happened to Peter when he went into the attic?
6. What was Mr. Van Daan’s nickname?
7. What were the 500 and 1000 guilder notes worth? Was that important? Why?

8. How did Anne treat her mother? How did her mother feel about this?

## **Pages 80-95**

1. Why do the people of the Annexe need to light fires every other day?
2. What were the Dutch students forced to sign in order to complete their degrees? Did they?
3. What particularly frightened Mrs. Van Daan one night? What did she do? How did everyone in the Annexe react?
4. What were they forced to do with the radio?
5. What “position” does Anne enjoy in the family order? (she alludes to the Bible)
6. Describe the disagreement between Anne and Mr. Dussel.
7. What did Elli offer to get the people of the Annexe?
8. What does Anne wish for the most? Margot?

## **Pages 96-166**

1. How long have they been in the Annexe at the beginning of this section?
2. What does Anne describe for us in detail?
3. What happens to the Westertoren?
4. How does Anne’s father feel about scraping potatoes?

5. When the Franks are forced to be quiet, what do they enjoy doing?
6. What happens to Mr. Koophuis?
7. Which Axis country has surrendered or capitulated?
8. Why does Anne take Valerian pills? What would help more?
9. Who is becoming suspicious about the Annex?
10. What are the Van Daans forced to sell?
11. How does Anne feel about the Annex?
12. Who did Anne dream she saw?
13. What did the people in the Annex receive for St. Nicholas Day?
14. What was wrong with Anne at this time?
15. Who was "Mumsie"?
16. Besides Lies, who else comes into Anne's mind at this time?
17. What does Anne think about her faith in God?
18. Why did Anne get so angry with her mother?
19. Who does Anne become close to now?
20. How has Anne's attitude towards the Van Daans changed?
21. How does Peter feel about his intelligence?

22. Why does Anne enjoy going to the attic?

23. Describe the most recent burglary.

## Treasure Island

### Chapter 1

1. What was the name of the inn?
2. Describe the new visitor to the inn?
3. What were some clues this visitor was afraid of something or someone?
4. Who is the protagonist?
5. What haunted the protagonist's dreams?
6. Who was the only person able to stand up to the captain?
7. The novel is told in \_\_\_\_\_ person.

### Chapter 2

1. What is odd about the way the stranger greets his friend?
2. What was the stranger's name?
3. What saved the stranger's life?
4. What happened to Billy, the captain?



### Chapter 3

1. What is Yellow Jack?
2. What is the significance of the “black spot”?
3. What information does Billy have that is wanted by the rest of Flint’s crew?
4. How does the blind man threaten Jim?
5. What does he want?
6. What does he give the captain?
7. What happens to the captain?
8. What is Jim’s reaction?

### Chapter 6

1. What happened when Jim and his mother sought help from the people in the hamlet?
2. What item in the captain’s chest interested Jim the most?
3. What did Jim take from the chest?

## Chapter 5

1. What happened to Pew, the blind pirate?

## Chapter 6

1. Who was Flint?
2. What was in the packet?
3. What are “soundings”?
4. What is the doctor afraid Squire Trelawney will do?
5. At the end of this chapter, what do Livesey and Trelawney decide to do?

## Chapter 7

1. What is the name of the ship on which Jim will sail?
2. What mistake did Trelawney make regarding the hiring of the crew?
3. Who was to be the cook?

## Chapter 8

1. Whom did Jim see in Long John Silver's inn?
2. Describe Long John Silver?

## Chapter 9

1. What does Captain Smollett tell Trelawney?
2. Why does he feel this way?
3. What are Captain Smollett's suggestions?
4. Why do you think Trelawney took such a dislike to Captain Smollett?
5. What is Jim's attitude towards Smollett?

## Chapter 10

1. What happened to Mr. Arrow?
2. What did the crew call Silver?
3. What was the name of Silver's parrot?
4. Where have we heard that name before?
5. What was the parrot's favorite expression?
6. How did the apple barrel help provide a warning of what was to come?

## **Chapter 11**

- 1. What does Jim learn about Silver?**
- 2. In what way was Silver different than Pew when it came to handling their shares of the booty?**
- 3. What was Silver's plan?**

## **Chapter 12**

- 1. What was Captain Smollett's plan after the mutiny plot was discovered?**

## **Chapter 13**

- 1. Who really has control of the men?**
- 2. Jim decides to do what?**

## **Chapter 14**

- 1. What happened to Allan and why?**
- 2. Why did Silver kill Tom?**

## Chapter 15

1. What or whom does Jim discover on the island?
2. What does Jim remember that gives him courage?
3. What was the man's name?
4. How long had it been since this man had seen another human?
5. What had happened to Ben Gunn?
6. What did Gunn ask for?
7. What was Gunn's story?

## Chapter 16

1. Who takes over as narrator in this chapter?
2. What was the one thing the doctor said they were lacking for a stand off in the ship?
3. What did the doctor and his group do with the arms they did not take?
4. Who joined the doctor's group?

## Chapter 17

1. What does “ship a little water” mean?
2. Why did Captain Smollett want Trelawney to shoot Israel Hands?
3. Why was Trelawney not successful?
4. What calamity befell the doctor and his crew?

## Chapter 18

1. What concerns the captain regarding the supplies?
2. What did the captain refuse to do despite the threat it posed?
3. Why?

## Chapter 19

1. What code words did Ben Gunn want Jim to use?
2. What did Jim witness the pirates doing?

3. What did Dr. Livesay fortuitously carry in his snuff box?

4. What two things did Dr. Livesey's men consider to be their allies?

## Chapter 20

1. Of what does Silver accuse Smollett?

2. What does Silver want from the doctor's group and what does Silver promise in return?

3. With what terms does Smollett counter Silver?

4. How had Ben Gunn helped the doctor's group?

5. What does Silver do as a last gesture of his contempt?

6. What does Silver promise to do to the doctor and his men?

## Chapter 21

1. The battle at the stockade is won by whom?

## Chapter 22

1. Where did Hawkins think the doctor had gone?
2. What was Jim's plan?
3. After Jim completes his first errand, he comes up with another idea. What was it?
4. Why did Jim think there was little risk involved in this plan?

## Chapter 23

1. Why did Hands and the red-hatted pirate not notice that the ship was moving?

## Chapter 24

1. Why was Jim reluctant to row the coracle to shore?
2. What happened to the coracle?

## Chapter 25

1. What deal does Hands present to Jim?
2. At the end of this chapter, what makes Jim uneasy?



## Chapter 26

1. What did Hands do after he sent Jim for wine?
2. Why does Jim feel he will not be attacked right away?
3. What stopped Hands as he tried to attack Jim?
4. What did Hands do to Jim?
5. What happened to Hands?

## Chapter 27

1. What did Jim discover when he returned to the stockade?

## Chapter 28

1. What does Jim think happened to the doctor and the rest of the men?
2. What does Silver tell Jim?
3. What is Jim's reaction to this news?
4. How did the pirates get control of the stockades?

5. What does Jim boldly tell the pirates?
6. Why do you think Silver spared Jim's life?
7. What very surprising thing did Jim learn?

#### Chapter 29

1. From where did the pirates get the paper to use for the black spot?
2. How many black spots had Silver received?
3. Why did the pirates change their minds and retain Silver as their captain?

#### Chapter 30

1. Why does Silver protect Jim?
2. What did the doctor warn Silver not to do?
3. What does the doctor promise Silver?

#### Chapter 31

1. How did Jim save Silver's life?

2. Why do the pirates become suspicious when they encounter the body that is acting as a compass?

## Chapter 32

1. What scared the pirates?