

# 7th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

## Riverdale – English Language Arts

### Required Novel: *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson

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#### Assignment Due Date

Students must finish reading *Treasure Island* by the **first week of school**. **7th grade ELA students will take a comprehension test on the novel during the second week of school.**

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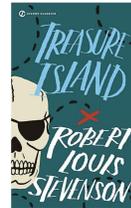
#### About the Book

*Treasure Island* is a thrilling adventure story about a young boy named **Jim Hawkins** who discovers a treasure map and sets off on a sea voyage to find pirate gold. Along the way, he meets unforgettable characters—like the cunning **Long John Silver**—and learns valuable lessons about courage, loyalty, and trust.

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#### Where to Get the Book

You can find *Treasure Island* at your local library or purchase it online:  
 [Buy on Amazon](#)



#### Reading Help: Understanding Old Language

*Treasure Island* was written in the 1800s, so some words and phrases may be unfamiliar. Use this guide to help:

Original Phrase	What It Means
"Yo-ho-ho, and a bottle of rum!"	A pirate chant or drinking song
"Avast, there!"	Stop! / Hold on!
"He were an ugly customer"	He was a dangerous or unpleasant person
"Pieces of eight!"	Old Spanish silver coins used as treasure
"Shiver my timbers!"	A pirate's way of saying "Wow!" or "Oh no!"
"Scuppers"	Holes in a ship to drain water
"The black spot"	A warning of punishment from pirates
"Cutlass"	A short sword used by sailors

"Lubber"

An awkward or inexperienced sailor

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### Tips for Reading Success

-  **Read slowly** and re-read confusing parts
  -  **Use context clues** to figure out meanings
  -  **Make a vocabulary list** of new words
  -  **Try the free audiobook:** LibriVox Version
  -  **Ask questions** and discuss the book with family or friends
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### Goal

This summer reading assignment helps students build vocabulary, improve reading comprehension, and prepare for discussions and writing in the fall.

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**Thank you for encouraging your child to read this summer!**

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