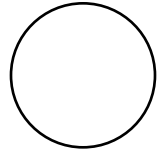


Chapters 1-2

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle

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Vocabulary: Use the following vocabulary words to fill in the blanks in the sentences below.
decrepit, gesticulated, loathsome, permeated, stench, trepidation

1. As soon as he heard the _____ name of Jaggery, the porter left quickly.
2. Mr. Grummage _____ in Charlotte's direction as he spoke to the officer aboard the ship.
3. The _____ of rotting food in steerage almost overpowered Charlotte.
4. The odor was so strong it even _____ Charlotte's cabin.
5. With great difficulty a _____ old sailor delivered Charlotte's trunk.
6. Although she tried to appear brave, Charlotte followed Zachariah to the galley with extreme _____.

Questions:

1. The story is being told by the main character, _____.
2. The story is told from the _____ person point of view.
3. The captain of the *Seahawk* is named _____.
4. The second mate's name is _____.

If, as Charlotte believed, Mr. Grummage was a gentleman like her father, what kind of man do you think her father might be?

5. Mr. Grummage
 - a. did not want Miss Doyle to go on the voyage.
 - b. agreed to let Miss Doyle go on board against his better judgment.
 - c. is a kindly man with Miss Doyle's best interests at heart.
 - d. wanted Miss Doyle to go on the voyage.
 - e. Both a and c.
6. What did the porters seem to fear? **Why do you think the author mentioned their fears?**

7. Why was Charlotte distressed to discover that she would be the only passenger aboard the ship?
8. What was your first impression of Mr. Keetch? **How did the author create this impression?**
9. Which three words best describe Miss Doyle's quarters?
 - a. clean, neat, organized
 - b. spotless, polished, pristine
 - c. moldy, large, empty
 - d. small, dark, dirty
10. Barlow was "deputized" to
 - a. carry Miss Doyle's luggage.
 - b. give Miss Doyle a dirk (knife).
 - c. warn Miss Doyle that she should not be on the ship.
 - d. pull away the forelock.
11. What did Zachariah give to Charlotte?
12. Why did Zachariah think he and Charlotte could be friends, and why did Charlotte disagree with him?

Discuss Foreshadow (see lesson plans)

From your reading of the prologue and the first two chapters, what is your impression of Charlotte Doyle? What do you like and dislike about her? Do you think she would like you?

Society was very different in 1832. What evidence indicates the difference between social classes in Charlotte's day? To what class did Charlotte belong?

What do you think will happen when Charlotte wakes up the next morning?