**The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle**

**Chapter Questions**

**Chapter 1-2**

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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. What did the porters seem to fear? Why do you think Avi mentioned their fears?

6. Why was Charlotte distressed to discover that she would be the only passenger aboard the ship?

7. Which three words best describe Miss Doyle’s quarters?

a. clean, neat, organized c. spotless, polished, pristine

b. moldy, large, empty d. small, dark, dirty

8. What did Zachariah give to Charlotte?

9. Why did Zachariah think he and Charlotte could be friends, and why did Charlotte disagree with him?

**Chapters 3-5**

1. Why did Charlotte trust the captain?

2. What did Captain Jaggery mean when he said, “we shall have no democracy here”?

3. Miss Doyle found out the history of the Seahawk’s last voyage

a. from Dillingham. c. from Zachariah.

b. from Captain Jaggery. d. by overhearing the crew.

4. Why did the crew sign on with Captain Jaggery again?

5. What is a round robin and why did the captain show Charlotte one and ask her to be his eyes and ears among the crew?

6. Why did Charlotte lie to the captain about the person who gave her the dirk?

**Chapters 6-8**

1. Why did Barlow want to speak privately with Charlotte?

2. Why did Charlotte keep the dirk?

3. Why were the crew’s quarters off-limits to Charlotte?

4. What did Charlotte’s response to Zachariah’s gift of sailor’s clothing indicate about the development of her character?

**Chapters 9-12**

1. What did volunteering to go for Ewing’s needle indicate about the change in Charlotte’s character?

2. Mr. Hollybrass hesitates often when taking orders from Captain Jaggery. What does that reveal about his feelings?

3. Why does Hollybrass continue to carry out Captain Jaggery’s orders?

4. Why was Charlotte the only one to defend Zachariah against the captain?

5. At what point did Charlotte finally recognize the captain’s true nature?

6. Do you think Charlotte made the right decision when she joined the crew? Why or why not.

**Chapters 13-15**

1. What did Charlotte mean in chapter 13 when she said, “And yet I had to climb. This was my restitution.”? (if you don’t know the meaning of restitution, look it up in the dictionary.)

2. Why is Charlotte’s clothing such an important issue for the captain?

3. Charlotte Doyle is referred to by different names from Captain Jaggery and the crew. What were the new names and what was the significance of the each name?

Captain Jaggery now calls Charlotte \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which indicates

The crew now calls Charlotte \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which indicates

4. When did Grimes begin teaching Charlotte to use a knife? Why did he do this?

5. Why was Charlotte’s handkerchief found near the dirk?

**Chapters 16-18**

1. Captain Jaggery accuses\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of murdering Hollybrass.

2. The penalty for murdering a ship’s officer is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. What did the captain’s disheveled physical state indicate about his state of mind?

4. Has your impression of Mr. Keetch changed since you learned that he planned to hide Zachariah? Explain.

5. Was Charlotte correct about the difficulty Zachariah would have had in taking Captain Jaggery to court in Rhode Island in 1832? Explain.

**Chapters 19-21**

1. What did Zachariah mean when he said to Charlotte, “It does you honor”?

2. Why did the argument with Mr. Hollybrass provoke Captain Jaggery to violence?

3. What evidence supported Charlotte’s assertion that the captain was mad?

4. In Chapter 1, the figurehead of the Seahawk reminded Charlotte of an avenging angel. How did its appearance in Chapter 21 support this interpretation?

5. Zachariah and Charlotte come to the conclusion that the murderer must be Captain Jaggery because

a. he saw Zachariah during the storm. c. he had a knife just like Charlotte’s.

b. his fingerprints were on the knife. d. They heard him threaten to kill Hollybrass.

6. Jaggery’s “informant” was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

7. How did Captain Jaggery die?

8. After Jaggery dies, the crew selects \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be the new captain.

**Chapter 22**

1. When Charlotte dressed to go ashore, she felt pinched and confined in her old clothes. What did her clothing symbolize to her.

2. Charlotte asked Bridget to call her by name instead of “miss” but Bridget refused. Why wouldn’t she and why did this bother Charlotte?

3. What was Mr. Doyle’s reaction to his daughter’s journal? What did he do with the journal?

4. Why did Charlotte put on her sailor outfit again?

5. Were you surprised with the final outcome of the novel? Explain why or why not.

6. There were several themes introduced throughout the novel. What might the author be saying about loyalty? social position in life? abuse of authority? Select one and write about it.