

100-Question Test on Billy Budd

AUTHOR (Value 11)

DIRECTIONS: Answer briefly.

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| 1. Dates of life
..... | 7. Number of children in family
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| 2. Personality of father
..... | 8. Circumstances after father's death
..... |
| 3. Business of father
..... | 9. Entered what service at eighteen
..... |
| 4. What happened to his business in 1826
..... | 10. Inspired by what author
..... |
| 5. Personality of mother
..... | 11. Great Masterpiece
..... |
| 6. Year of father's death
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CHARACTER IDENTIFICATION (Value 6)

DIRECTIONS: Choose the correct identification of each of the following characters.

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|12. Edward Fairfax Vere | a. Captain of <i>Rights of Man</i> |
|13. Billy Budd | b. Lieutenant on the <i>Indomitable</i> |
|14. Claggart | c. Captain of the <i>Indomitable</i> |
|15. Captain Graveling | d. Master-at-arms |
|16. Ratcliff | e. Mainmastman on the <i>Indomitable</i> |
|17. The Dansker | f. The Handsome Sailor |
| | g. Surgeon |
| | h. Chaplain |

TRUE-FALSE (Value 35)

DIRECTIONS: Mark each of the following statements true or false.

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|18. The <i>Indomitable</i> was a merchant ship. |22. Billy's influence was such that it changed the atmosphere of the fore-castle into one of peace. |
|19. The captain of the <i>Indomitable</i> had no other interests than those of a sea captain. |23. It was obvious that Billy was of noble descent. |
|20. Claggart's job was that of a maritime chief of police. |24. Billy had no defect in his make-up. |
|21. Billy was loved by all the sailors. |25. The captain of the <i>Indomitable</i> had not seen much service. |

TRUE-FALSE *Continued*

-26. He was always taken for a sailor when he was ashore.
-27. He was a strict disciplinarian.
-28. Claggart's appearance suggested he was used to hard toil.
-29. The sailors were suspicious as to why Claggart had volunteered in the service.
-30. Billy was well content with his job.
-31. The Dansker was a young sailor.
-32. Billy took the Dansker into his confidence.
-33. Billy spilled a pot of coffee on the clean deck.
-34. Claggart had an evil nature.
-35. The Dansker was never willing to give advice.
-36. Billy was prone to be a tale bearer.
-37. Some of the sailors had been impressed into service because of wrongdoing.
-38. Claggart's voice was harsh and strident.
-39. The surgeon opposed the captain in his decision in the case of Claggart's death.
-40. Vere readily believed Claggart's report of wrongdoing on Billy's part.
-41. The surgeon thought Vere's mind was unhinged by the tragedy.
-42. A drumhead court rendered a verdict in Billy's favor.
-43. Billy admitted there was malice between him and Claggart.
-44. Vere was a highly efficient officer.
-45. Vere would not listen to any softening of the penalty.
-46. Vere informed Billy of the finding of the court.
-47. No sympathy was felt for Billy.
-48. Billy questioned the after-guardsman later regarding the secret night visit.
-49. Experience had left Billy's intelligence unaffected.
-50. Billy was always ready for a quarrel.
-51. The Nore Mutiny was what a strike in the firebrigade would be to London.
-52. Melville was a deeply religious man wanting peace.

WHO-WHAT (Value 10)

DIRECTIONS: Tell who or what each of the following is.

- 53. Jimmy Legs
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- 54. Aldebaran
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- 55. *Rights of Man*
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- 56. Red Whiskers
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- 57. Bucephalus
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- 58. "Squeak"
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- 59. "Board-her-in-the-smoke"
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- 60. Albert
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- 61. Darbies
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- 62. A seventy-four
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COMPLETION (Value 13)

DIRECTIONS: Complete each statement with the correct word or words.

63. The Dansker told Billy that was down on him.
64. Billy spilled on the newly-scrubbed deck.
65. Billy when he was emotionally upset.
66. Claggart's feelings toward Billy were caused by natural
67. The Chaplain could not bring home to Billy the thought of
68. The of the boatswain silenced the murmurs of the sailors.
69. The after-guardsman offered Billy two to tempt him to join a mutiny.
70. A cousin of Vere's greeted him as "my Vere".
71. A sailor composed a in memory of Billy.
72. Billy was by Claggart.
73. Melville describes Billy as-eyed.
74. Sailors long in the service were called sea
75. The Dansker addressed Billy as Budd.

MULTIPLE CHOICE (Value 25)

DIRECTIONS: Choose the word or phrase that best completes each of the following statements.

- 76. Vere was fatally wounded in a battle with the (a) *Theseus*, (b) *Atheiste*, (c) *Victory*, (d) *Agamemnon*.
- 77. The Great Mutiny broke out in (a) April, 1797, (b) June, 1797, (c) October, 1797, (d) May, 1797.
- 78. As an infant, Billy was left at a good man's door in (a) Bristol, (b) Liverpool, (c) Dover, (d) Southampton.
- 79. Although Billy was illiterate, he could sing like a (a) nightingale, (b) thrush, (c) lark, (d) canary.
- 80. Billy was impressed into the service at the age of (a) sixteen, (b) twenty-one, (c) twenty, (d) eighteen.
- 81. Vere was a bachelor of about (a) forty-five, (b) thirty-five, (c) forty, (d) fifty years of age.
- 82. When Vere was on shore in civilian's clothes, he (a) still looked like a sailor, (b) looked like a lord, (c) looked like the King's guest, (d) looked like an ambassador.
- 83. Claggart was a man about (a) thirty-five, (b) forty, (c) thirty, (d) forty-five.
- 84. Claggart was (a) ruddy-cheeked, (b) pale, (c) bronzed, (d) sallow in complexion.
- 85. The Dansker's chief characteristic was (a) cynicism, (b) loquacity, (c) soft-heartedness, (d) callousness.
- 86. The Dansker said the after-guardsman was a (a) traitor, (b) spy, (c) tale-bearer, (d) cat's paw.
- 87. The matter of the Great Mutiny was (a) discussed freely on shipboard, (b) forgotten, (c) never openly referred to, (d) not considered something to guard against.
- 88. Vere was (a) always alert, (b) lost in dreaminess at times, (c) usually in an irritable mood, (d) always in a philosophical mood.
- 89. A false witness would be (a) liable to hanging, (b) imprisoned, (c) an outcast from service, (d) forced to walk off the deep end.
- 90. When Billy was summoned to Vere's cabin, he (a) was filled with fear, (b) reluctant to go, (c) went unhesitatingly, (d) thought Vere was going to make him his coxswain.
- 91. Billy (a) furiously denied, (b) laughed in derision, (c) threatened Claggart, (d) speechless, struck Claggart a terrific blow on the forehead.

MULTIPLE CHOICE *Continued*

- 92. The surgeon thought (a) Billy was innocent, (b) the case should be referred to the admiral, (c) the captain was right in his decision, (d) the matter should be made public before action was taken.
- 93. Vere thought (a) immediate action should be taken, (b) the case should be referred to the admiral, (c) Billy should be judged leniently, (d) Billy should be judged according to the English land laws.
- 94. Vere (a) had no faith in Billy's truthfulness, (b) believed Billy told the truth, (c) believed Claggart had lied, (d) believed Claggart had no witnesses to prove the truth of his accusations.
- 95. The men trying the case thought (a) Billy was entirely guilty, (b) he deserved death as a punishment, (c) Claggart was impelled by knowledge of the truth to accuse Billy, (d) the punishment should be less severe.
- 96. Vere was (a) hard and cold, (b) hesitant, (c) agonized, (d) indifferent to have the death penalty carried out.
- 97. Billy was imprisoned (a) in the lowest part of the ship, (b) on the larboard side of the upper gun deck, (c) on the starboard side of the upper gun deck, (d) in the Chaplain's quarters.
- 98. Ratcliff (a) sympathized with Graveling, (b) was disconcerted by Graveling's failure to offer hospitality, (c) helped himself to a flask from the spirit-locker, (d) was angered by Graveling's protests for his taking Billy.
- 99. Vere's reading interests were largely confined to (a) accounts of war strategy, (b) biography and history, (c) romances, (d) law.
-100. The sailors (a) soon forgot the fate of Billy, (b) thought his penalty could have been avoided, (c) considered a chip of the spar from which he was hanged to be as a piece of the Cross, (d) remembered him only when they were lonely.

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1. August 1, 1819 - September 28, 1891	18. False	53. A nickname used by the sailors for Claggart	76. b
2. Lighthearted but improvident	19. False	54. A bright, orange colored star	77. d
3. Importer	20. True	55. A merchant ship	78. a
4. Failed	21. True	56. A sailor who insulted Billy	79. a
5. Somber and sedate	22. True	57. Favorite horse of Alexander the Great	80. b
6. 1832	23. True	58. Claggart's corporal, so nicknamed by the sailors	81. c
7. Eight	24. False	because of his squeaky- voice	82. c
8. Close to poverty	25. False	59. A name given the Dansker by the sailors	83. a
9. Became a sailor	26. False	60. The captain's hammock-boy	84. b
10. Nathaniel Hawthorne	27. True	61. Handcuff's, fetters	85. a
11. Moby Dick	28. False	62. Old time ship-of-war carrying 74 guns	86. d
CHARACTER IDENTIFICATION (Value 6)	29. True	COMPLETION (Value 25)	87. c
12. c	30. True	63. Jimmy Legs	88. b
13. f	31. False	64. soup	89. a
14. d	32. True	65. stuttered	90. d
15. a	33. False	66. depravity	91. d
16. b	34. True	67. salvation	92. b
17. e	35. True	68. whistles	93. a
	36. False	69. guineas	94. b
	37. True	70. starry	95. d
	38. False	71. ballad	96. c
	39. False	72. envied	97. c
	40. False	73. welkin	98. c
	41. True	74. dogs	99. b
	42. False	75. Baby	100. c
	43. False		
	44. True		
	45. True		
	46. True		
	47. False		
	48. False		
	49. True		
	50. False		
	51. True		
	52. False		