

The Cay

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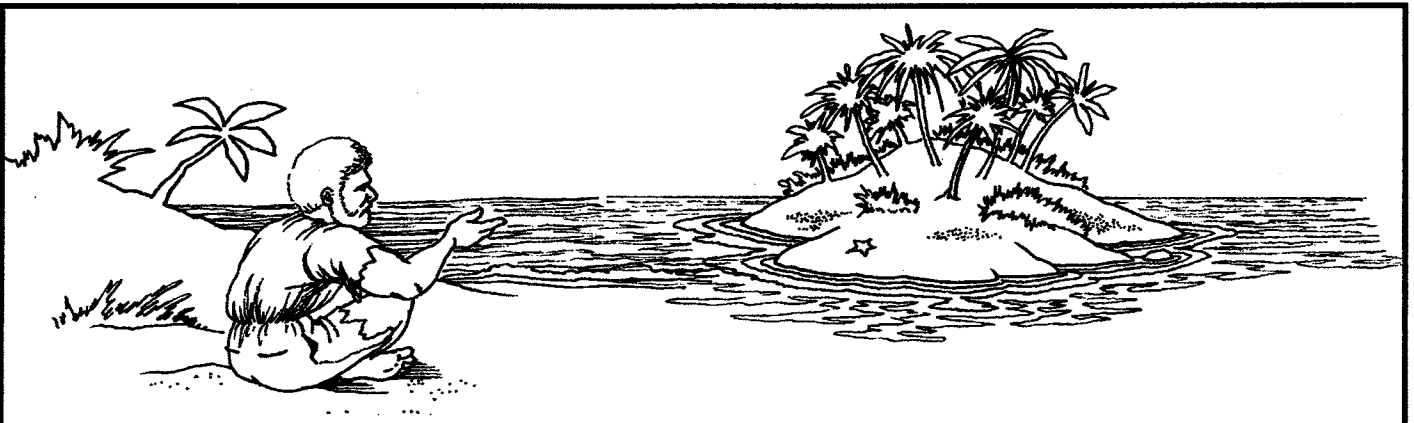
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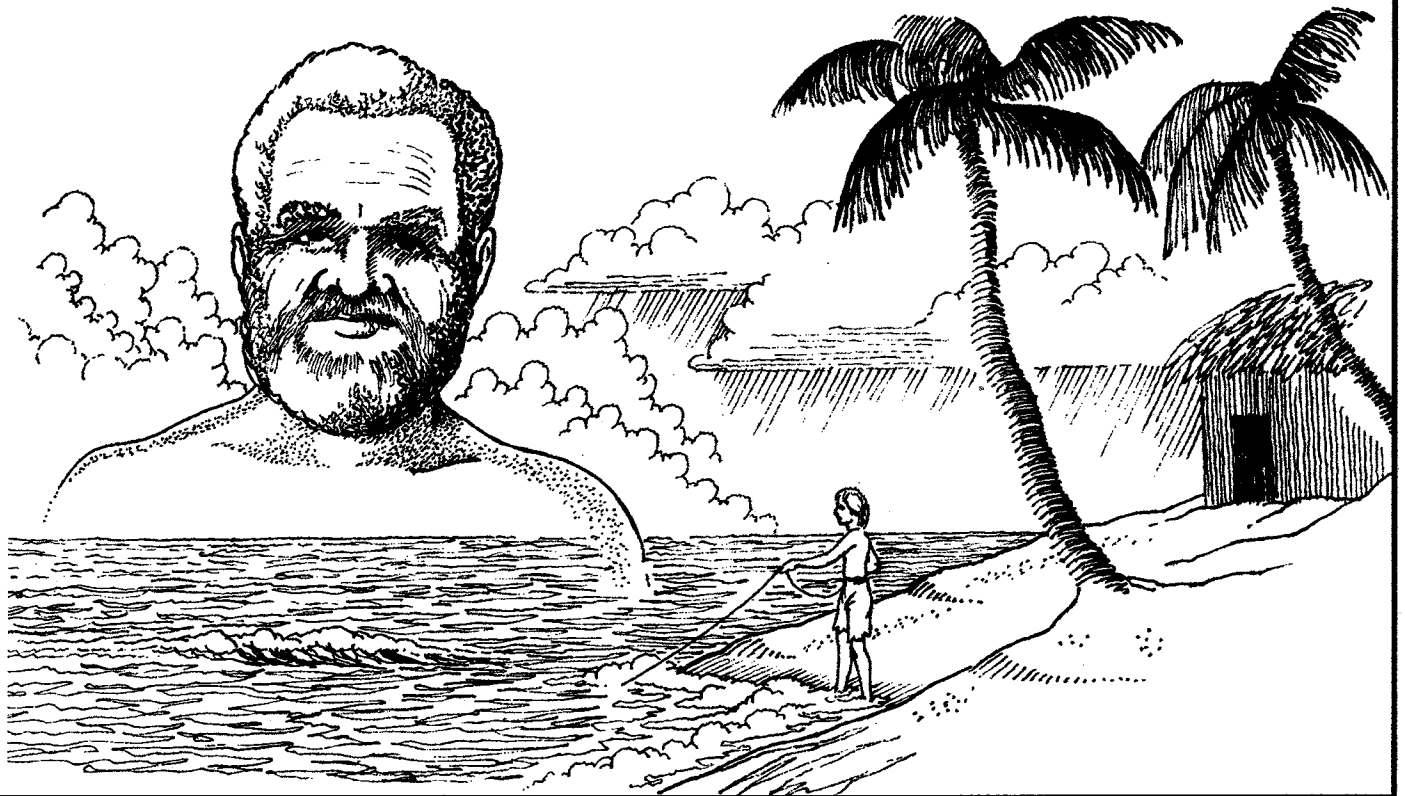
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Chapters One and Two

1. Why wasn't Phillip frightened by the war?

2. From where had the submarines come?

3. Phillip's father was not actively fighting in the war as a soldier, but his work was important in the war effort. Explain about his job.

4. Oil was a valuable material during wartime. Explain why you think this is a true statement.

5. Phillip's parents had a disagreement. What was it about and what caused it to start?

6. Why did Mother insist that she and Phillip return to the United States?

7. Why was it important to keep the refinery open?

8. Why did the submarines present a real threat to islands such as Curacao?

9. How was water obtained in the West Indies?

10. Why wasn't there enough food and water on the island?

11. What made Phillip begin to change his ideas about war?



12. Using the T-diagram, compare Phillip's father and mother.

Father	Mother

Map Work:

The story takes place in the area of the world called the Caribbean Sea. Using an atlas, put the following places on the outline map below. You can label more places if you want.

- Curacao
- Aruba
- Venezuela
- North America
- Bonaire
- South America
- Willenstad
- Florida
- Caribbean Sea
- Netherland Antilles





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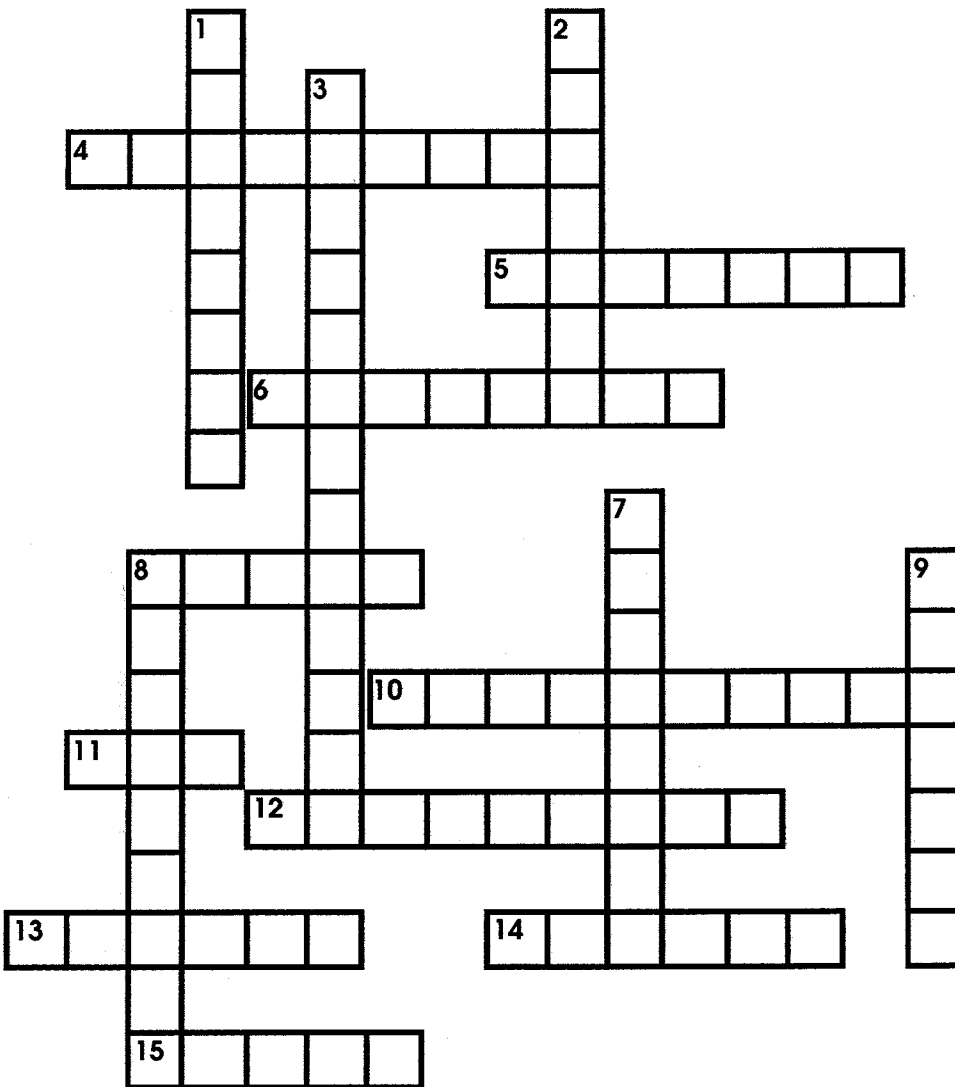
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Crossword Puzzle

Find the words to solve the crossword puzzle from the word bank below. The puzzle clues are at the side of the page.

schooners	diesel	binoculars	massive
blackout	mutiny	pontoon bridge	stack
leeward	ballast	stern	clenched
cowardly	veerboots	koenoekoe	bow



Across:

4. countryside
5. something heavy carried in a ship to steady it
6. lacks courage or is afraid
8. the hind part of a ship or boat
10. field glasses for both eyes
11. forward part of a ship
12. ferry boats
13. a type of engine that burns crude oil
14. open rebellion against authority
15. chimney

Down:

1. closed
2. in the direction toward which the wind is blowing
3. a bridge supported on pontoons
7. darken completely
8. ships with two or more masts and sails set lengthwise
9. big and heavy; large and solid