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The Gold of Black Rock Hill Comprehension Workbook Answer Key

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Chapter 1 – Brisk, The Ship

CH1- 1. What is Brisk?

It is a ship.

CH1- 2. Who is Dex?

He is a cat.

CH1- 3. What is Dex's job on the ship?

His job is to get rid of the rats.

CH1- 4. Why do Jeb and Zack not like Big Dan?

They do not like Big Dan because he will not be a bandit and he will not rob for fun.

Chapter 2 – A Cat On The Dock

CH 2-1. Why does Dex go to the dock?

He is bored on the ship./He wants to catch a rat.

CH 2-2. Describe the dock as Dex sees it.

The dock has lots of trash bins and a pen. It stinks.

CH 2-3. Who does Dex meet at the dock?

He meets Mist, a cat.

CH 2-4. How does Mist feel about Dex?

She does not like him.

Chapter 3 – The Quest

CH3-1. Who is Josh?

Josh is a deckman on the ship.

CH3-2. What did Big Dan get at the dock?

He got a map./He got the map for Black Rock Hill.

CH3-3. Who did he get it from?

He got it from an old bandit.

CH3-4. Why are some of Big Dan's men skeptical about the map?

They think if this was the real map, the man would have dug for the gold himself.

Chapter 4 – The Flask

CH4-1. What is Zack's job?

He is a ship hand.

CH4-2. What do you think is in the flask?

Answers vary (There is poison./Something that is dangerous/not good.)

CH4-3. What does Jeb put in the bucket?

He drops the fish scraps in the bucket.

CH4-4. What do Big Dan and Josh want to do with the cash they will get?

Big Dan will fix his dad's cabin. Josh will get a crisp set of denim pants.

Chapter 5 – The Sonnet

CH5-1. Why do you think the men on the ship are getting sick?

Answers may vary. (Jeb and Zack put bad stuff/poison in the food.)

CH5-2. Why are Jeb and Zack not sick?

They do not eat the food with the "bad stuff" they put in.

CH5-3. What will the men do in their cabins?

They will rest in their beds in their cabins.

CH5-4. Why does Dex think it is odd that Jeb and Zack are glad to help the rest?

They think it is odd because normally Jeb and Zack do not like to help anyone.

Chapter 6 – A Visit From Mist

CH6-1. Why did Mist get on the ship?

She wants to be a ship cat so she does not have to hunt for her lunch.

CH6-2. How does Mist feel about being on the ship?

Not good. She gets sick when the ship rocks.

CH6-3. Why does Dex kick the dish with the fish?

He does not want Mist to eat the food that got others sick.

CH6-4. What do Jeb and Zack plan to do with the map? Why?

They plan to shift the spot with X on the map where Big Dan needs to dig for the gold. So Big Dan will go to the wrong place to dig for the gold while Jeb and Zack steal the gold.

Chapter 7 – The X on the Map

CH7-1. Why does Mist not help Dex?

She is sea sick and does not want to be a part of the trouble with Jeb and Zack.

CH7-2. Where is the map in the cabin?

It is in the pocket of Big Dan's pants.

CH7-3. What do Jeb and Zack change on the map? Why?

They drop black ink on the X to mask it. So Big Dan will go to the wrong place to dig for the gold while Jeb and Zack steal the gold.

CH7-4. When Big Dan wakes up, do you think he will figure out what Jeb and Zack have done? Why?

Answers vary.

Chapter 8 – Selfish Mist

CH8-1. What did Josh find in a box on the deck?

He found Mist.

CH8-2. What does Josh bring to Mist?

He brings snacks and milk.

CH8-3. What does Dex do when Jeb and Zack go past by him

He lets out a big hiss.

CH8-4. Does Mist agree to help Dex at the end of this chapter?

No, Mist still does not want to help Dex.

Chapter 9 – The Land

CH9-1. Why does Big Dan say, “This will be a grand day”?

He thinks they will all be rich when they find the gold.

CH9-2. Why is Josh sad?

He is sad because he cannot go to the land with the rest to dig for the gold.

CH9-3. What does Zack do with the bucket? Why?

He sets the bucket on top of the stairs and then kicks it down. He acts as if he tripped on the bucket. This way, Jeb and Zack can stay on the ship when Big Dan and the rest go to land.

CH9-4. Where do Big Dan and his men go when they get to the land? Are they on the right track?

They go to the left (West)./They pass shrubs and get to the pond. They are not on the right track.

Chapter 10 – Josh Sniffs A Scam

CH10-1. What falls off Zack’s pocket?

A scrap piece of paper falls out of Zack’s pocket.

CH10-2. What do Dex and Mist do to get Josh’s attention?

First, they hop up and down. Then, they tug Josh’s pants.

CH10-3. What is on the scrap?

It is a draft of the map to the chest.

CH10-4. What do Josh and the cats do next?

They jump on a skiff and go to the land.

Chapter 11 – Tracks On The Sand

CH11-1. Are Josh and the cats on the right track?

They want to find Big Dan. So they are not on the right track.

CH11-2. Who do they run into?

They run into Zack and Jeb.

CH11-3. What are Jeb and Zack arguing about?

They argue about losing the map./They argue that they left the map on the ship.

CH11-4. What do you think happens next?

Answers vary.

Chapter 12 – Dig For The Gold

CH12-1. What happens to Josh?

Josh trips. Jeb and Zack capture him and tie his hands with straps.

CH12-2. What happens to Dex?

Jeb stuffs Dex in a sack.

CH12-3. What happens to Mist?

Mist runs away (to find Big Dan.)

CH12-4. What do you think happens next?

Answers vary.

Chapter 13 – Mist’s Big Run

CH13-1. Where does Mist run to?

She runs down the hill and all the way back to the sand to find Big Dan.

CH13-2. How is Big Dan’s dig going?

It is not going well. They cannot find the gold and his men want to quit.

CH13-3. What does Mist do to get Big Dan's attention?

She runs off and comes back. Then, she grabs the map and runs away with it.

CH13-4. Does it work?

Yes, Big Dan and his men run after Mist to get back the map.

Chapter 14 – The Chest Of Ash

CH14-1. What is in the chest?

The chest is filled with (lumps of) ash.

CH14-2. What do Jeb and Zack do with Josh and Dex?

They plan to get rid of them. They drag them down the path back to the sand. They put Josh and Dex in the skiff, sabotage the skiff and send it out to the water.

CH14-3. How do you think Josh and Dex feel?

Answers vary.

CH14-4. What do you think happens next?

Answers vary.

Chapter 15 – The Big Scam Flops

CH15-1. Why do Big Dan and a ship hand jump in the water?

To save Josh (and Dex.)

CH15-2. Who is in the skiff?

Josh and Dex.

CH15-3. Why is Big Dan upset?

He learns that Jeb and Zack are the bad guys.

CH15-4. What does Josh reveal about the chest of gold?

He tells them that if they dig down underneath the chest with the

ash, they will find the chest with the gold.

Chapter 16 – Rich As A King

CH16-1. Do Big Dan and his men find the gold?

Yes, they do.

CH16-2. What happens to Jeb and Zack when they get to the land?

Big Dan hands them to the cops.

CH16-3. What does the old ship hand do with the money he gets?

He quits his job on the ship and get a shop by the dock to spends his days with his grandkids.

CH16-4. What do you think happens to Mist next?

Answers vary.