**Treasure Island Comprehension Questions**

Answer questions 2-7 on a piece of paper. Remember to answer in full sentences, using parts of the question within your answer. You do not need to write out the questions. I have done the first one for you as an example and highlighted the parts of the question I have used in my answer.

(Basic answers to the questions can be found on the next page – for adults to check understanding)

1. Why is such a young boy apparently running an inn?

 The young boy is running the inn because his father died and his mother is exhausted.

1. What does Billy Bones mean when he asks whether there is ‘much company’ at the inn?
2. Why is Billy Bones pleased that there is not ‘much company’ at the inn?
3. Why does Billy Bones tell Jim that he wants ‘mainly rum’?
4. After the visit of Black Dog, why does Billy have ‘the look of a man who has much to fear’?
5. What does Jim’s Mother mean when she says ‘I’ll have my dues’?
6. Why do the pirates attack the inn?
7. Billy Bones seems terrified of the parchment with a black spot on – why do you think this is?
8. When do you think this story is set? Why?
9. What kind of adventure do you think Jim is going to have? Why do you think he will be important to the story?
10. Do you know other stories with this setting? What are they? How are they similar? How are they different?

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1. His father has died, and his mother is exhausted.
2. Whether there are lots of visitors / customers.
3. He does not want anyone to know he is there / he is in hiding.
4. Sailors in those days drink a lot of rum.
5. If Black Dog found him, other people from whom he is hiding might also know where he is.
6. Payment for Billy’s lodging at the inn.
7. They are looking for something which Billy was hiding.

Questions 8 to 11 are discussion questions, and do not have correct ‘answers’.