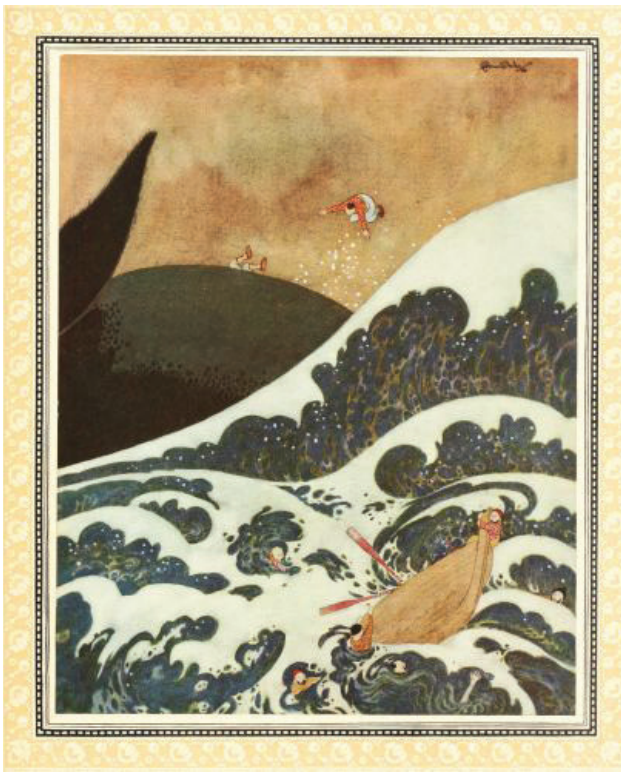


## Lesson #73

### Sinbad the Sailor's First Voyage

*Sinbad is a mythical sailor who lived on the Tigris River in Mesopotamia during the late 700s. He sailed the waters of the Persian Gulf and recounts his adventures in a well-known book, The Arabian Nights. After seven death-defying voyages, Sinbad is able to live in luxury and bask in his rich memories. Here, Sinbad begins the story by recounting the first of his seven voyages.*

Having squandered the considerable riches left to me by my parents, I decided to gain more wealth by trading goods around the world. Early in my first voyage, the wind slowed as our ship neared a large flat island. The captain granted leave to anyone wanting a rest



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on the island. We disembarked and strolled a bit before building a fire to cook our lunch. No sooner had we lit the fire when a violent trembling of the island followed. Most sailors leapt into the water swimming up to the ship's rope ladder. The island was not an island at all, but the back of a giant sleeping sea monster. I grabbed a piece of the firewood as the beast plunged me into choppy waters. Any hope for rescue disappeared as my ship unfurled its sails and hurried away. Icy cold waves threatened to rip me from my frail support. When my fingers at last began to lose their grip, a giant wave thrashed me against a steep island cliff.

I barely managed to scramble ashore. In my search for food and water I spied horses grazing in the distance. A small group of warriors appeared, but they did not attack.

They gave me ample food and drink and assured me of my great luck. One day later and they would have left this desolate place. They transported me to their city where I remained a guest for many weeks. One day, a sloop entered the port. A great reunion ensued, as it was the same ship that had left me for drowned months earlier. Reunited with my goods, I traded them for riches galore. The ship that once had left me for dead soon whisked me home to Bagdad.

I passed many a day among family and friends, thankful to be alive. Soon, however, the urge to sail returned. I joined a sloop of fine and honorable men and set out in search of fortune.

- L.6.4.A 1. Reread paragraphs one and two.
- A) Circle the word that means the same as *legendary*.
  - B) Underline the word that means “savor or delight in.”
  - C) Draw a box around the word that means the same as “frittered away.”
- RL.6.4 2. One day later and they would have left this desolate place. From context clues, you can tell that *desolate* means \_\_\_\_\_.
- deserted                  uninhabited                  bleak                  all of these
- RL.6.2 3. Number these events in the order in which they happened.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Most sailors swim back to the boat after their lunch fire disturbs a giant sleeping sea monster.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Sinbad is rescued by a small group of warriors who give him food and drink.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Sinbad is reunited with his goods, which he sells for great profit before returning to Bagdad.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ The captain grants leave to sailors wanting to set foot on the large flat island.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Sinbad loses hope as he watches his ship unfurl its sails and hurry away.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ A giant wave thrashes Sinbad against a steep island cliff.
- RL.6.5 4. What surprising developments happen to Sinbad during his adventure?
- \_\_\_\_\_ The island turns out to be a giant sleeping sea monster.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Sinbad loses all his wealth and goes home a pauper.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Sinbad’s ship returns to Bagdad, but people there do not recognize him.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Rather than attack, a band of warriors treats Sinbad as a guest.
- RL.6.1 5. Who is the speaker or narrator in the passage?
- the author                  the ship’s captain                  Sinbad                  none of these
- RL.6.6 6. What does the author portend (foreshadow) at the end of the passage?
- A) Sinbad is joyful to be reunited with his family and friends.
  - B) Sinbad has become very wealthy.
  - C) Once again, Sinbad has squandered all his wealth.
  - D) Sinbad is about to have another adventure.