1. Describe EXPOSITION of this story noting the three parts below:
	1. Setting
	2. Characters (Circle the Protagonist)
	3. Problem
2. a. Of the five survivors of the wreck , how many are suspected of murder?

b. Why are these particular men under suspicion?

1. Why does the discovery of **the mate’s diary** make it necessary for the killer to get rid of the other survivors?
2. a. Even after Hale and Diker die, why isn’t David sure that Grotan is the murderer?

b. David finds the ***Knave (Jack) of Diamonds* playing card** and the **scorched cover of the diary**. Why do each of these things suggest who the murderer is?

1. As in many mystery stories, certain objects become more and more important as the story progresses. Identify **two important contributions** each of the following play in this mystery?
	1. A brass key
	2. An axe
	3. Sea chest
2. Although David is the least experienced of the sailors he manages to survive.

What qualities of mind and body help David survive this dangerous experience?