

# TEACHER GUIDE

## PART 2 ~ CHAPTER 9

### Treasure Islands

#### Middle Grade – CH Discussion Questions and Light Lessons

The following questions can also be used as a PREVIEW to reading the chapter, giving the students a guide to look for certain information.

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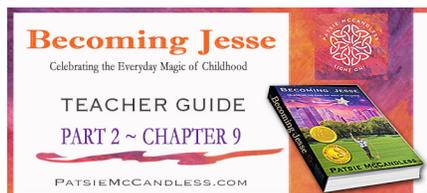
#### CH 9 – TREASURE ISLANDS

1. What are the Indian names that Jesse learns about in Port Haven and Elizabethtown?  
(*The bay is called Tanagasuq Bay after the Indian tribe that had lived there. Kecaniduuq is Port Haven, and Nocanituq is Elizabethtown.*)
2. Did you believe that in winter a large bay of water would actually freeze over, so that people could walk or ride horse-drawn carriages? Is this true? Can you research and find such a photo?

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3. Do you know the story of Shackleton's famous voyage to Antarctica? Find images:  
<https://www.gettyimages.com/photos/shackleton-endurance>
4. Why does Missus K know about windmills? (*She is from the Netherlands, where windmills are ubiquitous*) Have you ever seen a windmill?
5. What are some of the games Jesse liked to play with Mac? (*jigsaw puzzles and checkers and cards*)

What was it Jesse liked best with Mac? (*Reading the classic stories.*)

Describe his feeling about being with Mac. (*Jesse and Mac sat in the wide wingback chair, with a book on Mac's lap so that Jesse could see the pictures. He liked the warm, soft wool of Mac's vest, and the smell of pipe tobacco in his pocket, though he only smoked it outside. Most of all, Jesse liked the sound of Mac's voice, luring him into a story.*)

6. Have you ever seen a real Chambered Nautilus?

How does Mac describe the Chambered Nautilus? (*The nautilus has been on Earth for millions o' years. Truth is, it lives in the Indian Ocean; inside chambers are shiny smooth mother of pearl; a soft animal lives inside, growing from a little chamber to a bigger chamber; it grows and grows bigger and bigger in a spiral formation; the empty little chambers keep it afloat.*)

Why is this important for Jesse's quest? (*It is the sacred geometry of the universe: the perfect spiral building block, curling through so many things, in all the universe; sunflowers and cauliflower and kale. And too, the top cap of the little acorns from the Tree of Life.*)

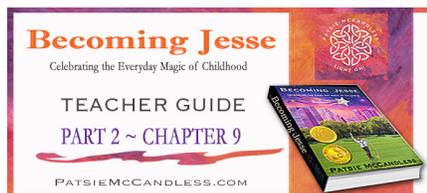
*The spiral shows us how we are connected to everythin' in the Universe and here on Earth. The ancient people of Egypt knew that the spiral is a never-ending coil that grows and grows, upward and onward. Like our life journey."*)

Can you find a photo or illustration of a Chambered Nautilus?

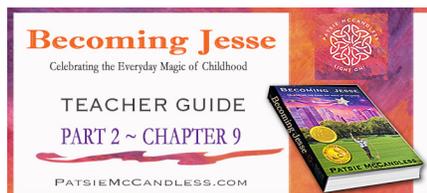
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7. When Mac showed Jesse “Treasure Island” he first shared the artwork illustrations. Research these very same pictures by N.C. Wyeth.  
<https://todaysinspiration.blogspot.com/2010/06/nc-wyeths-treasure-island.html>
  
8. Do you understand how Long John Silver – from “Treasure Island” was put into the tale of “Peter Pan”? (*‘Barbecue’ – was the nick name for L J Silver; he was wicked himself, but he was deathly afraid of “Peter Pan’s” Captain Hook*)
  
9. What 2 stories did Jesse learn about the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Library? (*Two stone Lions at the entrance – Patience + Fortitude; the huge Croton Reservoir used to stand there – and the books are now under Bryant Park*)
  
10. When Conor and Aislinn practice the play, “Harvey”, what does Jesse think about doing for his quest? (*go anywhere [Elizabethtown] – with whoever – stay as long as like*)
  
11. How do Jesse and the famous actress, Amanda Wynne, become best friends? (*She finds him in a drawer in the theater costume shop – and falls in love with him, playing and singing with him every chance she gets.*)  
 How does she become famous? (*Baby Jesse is backstage during her performance, singing along with her every note. She stops, finds him, brings him on stage, and they sing together. The audience and critiques fell in love with her.*)



12. How does Aislinn know Jesse's mother, Jane? (*Jane was her Latin tutor, teaching her "veni, vidi, vici" – Latin for Caesar's famous declaration in Gaul (France): I came, I saw, I conquered.*)

13. What does Dearie call Jesse when he was a baby? Why? (*Jesse is my Baby Grand – the music of our lives. [Baby Grand is another name for a small Grand Piano.]*)

14. How does Old Barret describe Winter?

*(Ah, winter. Y' know how Old Man Winter goes. Aye, the cold days slip by, dressed up in warm winter woolies, under snug blankets o' low gray skies. The early dark nights, sure they shut everyone indoors. T'is a season of lamplights, readin' and playin' games; and at bedtime, castin' an eye out the window to the glitterin' stars that spiral through the deep, endless universe...guidin' your deep, endless journey.)*

## Chapter 9 TREASURE ISLANDS (pp 86-100) – LIGHT LESSONS & PHRASES

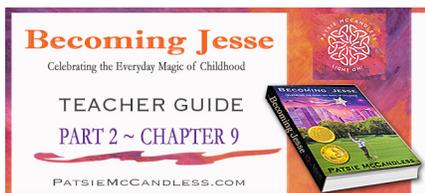
Ch 9/ 86 – "What a wonderful word is 'thriving': awakening and flourishing!"

Ch 9/ 89 – "The Spiral: Like the sacred geometry of the Universe. The perfect spiral building block curls through so many things, in all the Universe."

Ch 9/ 89 - "You look for the spiral, and you'll find it. That's how everything works. Especially the spirals of energy."

Ch 9/ 89 – "The spiral shows us how we are connected to everythin' in the Universe. It's all a never-ending coil that grows and grows, upward and onward. Like our life journey."

Ch 9/ 89 - "Nothing like expectation to raise enthusiasms!"



Ch 9/ 91 - “Love. It’s a great inspiration.”

Ch 9/ 93 - “How do you solve a problem? – It’s all part of the spiral. All connected.”

Ch 9/ 93 – “Patience and Fortitude: persistence, and courage in the face of challenge.”

Ch 9/ 95 - “Be a breath of fresh and cheery.”

Ch 9/ 97 - “Gemmy ideas: bright, thoughtful little gems.” ”

Ch 9/ 98 - “Brillish! Full o’ fancy and faerie flecks y’ are.”

Ch 9/ 99 - *“Ah, winter. Y’ know how Old Man Winter goes. Aye, the cold days slip by, dressed up in warm winter woolies, under snug blankets o’ low gray skies. The early dark nights, sure they shut everyone indoors. T’is a season of lamplights, readin’ and playin’ games; and at bedtime, castin’ an eye out the window to the glitterin’ stars that spiral through the deep, endless Universe...guidin’ your deep, endless journey.”*

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