Text: The Wretched Stone   Author: Chris Van Allsburg   Name: _____

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4			
			Evaluate the character's decisions:			
What is the action the character takes? (Text based)	What were the consequences? (Text based and/or inferred information)	Why did the character act in this way? (Text based and/or inferred information)	What flaws were there in the character's thinking? Explain your answer.	What logical reasons support the choices made? Explain your answer.	Do you agree or disagree with the characters reasoning? Support your answer.	Does the character's treatment of the other characters seem fair? Why or why not?
Crew: 1. loads supplies and sails away	Prepared for trip	Part of their job description	Sailors continued to watch the stone which led them to stop doing their jobs including not preparing for the storm	Choosing to do their jobs well lead to a smooth sailing and they avoided boredom. Captain chose crew wisely	Opinion: I agree/disagree... I agree with the crew's reasoning. Evidence: The crew wanted a successful voyage and they actively avoided boredom while on the voyage.	Judgment: Yes, it's fair/ No, it's not fair... The crew's treatment of the captain was not fair. Evidence: They did not respect his position and disobeyed his orders to prepare for the storm.
2. reads stories and sings songs	Passed the time happily	Entertainment on a long voyage				
3. explores island	Found stone	Curious, interested	Crew chose to bring an unknown item onto the ship when they did not know if it was safe			Judgment: Yes, it's fair/ No, it's not fair... The captain treated the crew members fairly. Evidence: He is tolerant and gentle with them. He tried to solve their problem and eventually saved them. He helped them to get passage home at the end.
4. takes stone on board	Crew became monkey-like	Probably due to the rock's influence on them		Choosing to stay by the stone gave them special abilities such as swinging easily from the ropes	Opinion: I agree/disagree... I disagree with the captain's and the crew's decision to bring an unknown object on board. Evidence: Even though there were signs that things were not quite right on this island: there were no fruit or animals present, it smelled, the water was bitter and the island could not be found on the map.	
5. mutinies against captain	Hid from captain in hold	Felt threatened by captain	Even though there was a life-threatening storm happening, they stayed in the hold with the stone rather than trying to save the ship and their lives			
Captain: 6. worried about the change in the crew's behavior and appearance	tries to get crew back by reading to them which helped to make crew come back to their "humanness"	Captain realized he had to save crew from the rock	Captain allowed the crew to continue to watch the stone and this led to mutiny	He read to the crew to try to bring them back to themselves.		

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7. covers rock when it glows again	Prevented rock from mesmerizing crew	He hoped to save the crew and he guessed that it was the stone that caused the strange behavior		He covered the stone up to see if that helped. He made the connection between the crew's appearance and their monkeyness.	[Note: Illustrates foreshadowing] **Opinion:**
8. sets fire to ship and then sinks sink	Crew is safe; Stone could still be found by someone else	Captain did not want any other crew to be affected by the wretched stone; Ship was already destroyed, so sinking it made sense	Captain did not warn others about the dangers of the stone	He sank the stone with the burning ship	I agree/disagree… I disagree with the crew's reasoning when they continued to watch the stone. **Evidence:** The stone overtook their lives. They became ape-like and mutinous. **Opinion:** I agree/disagree… I disagree with the Captain's reasoning. **Evidence:** He was not strong enough to keep the crew away from the stone and doing their duties. This led to mutiny and the destruction of the ship.

Step 5: What is the most important conclusion that can be drawn from the selection?

Step 6: What would you do in a similar situation? Why?