

Treasure Island

Robert Louis Stevenson

How does Silver use the pirates' own rules and superstitions to regain control after they depose him?

TOTAL TIME

PASSAGE

30 minutes	Silver turns a threat back on the mutineers
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FIND THE ANCHOR TEXT

Use the Anchor Text Table of Contents in the Enhanced Reader to open the START anchor. Then use the dropdown to select the END anchor.

SECTION / LOCATION	Chapter XXIX · The Black Spot Again
START	"The black spot! I thought so," he observed.
END	"Silver!" they cried. "Barbecue forever! Barbecue for cap'n!"
PASSAGE ID	sec-ti-04

THE MOVE

Track how knowledge of rules becomes power

WHY THIS PASSAGE

Silver regains authority not by overpowering the mutineers physically but by knowing their code better than they do. He invokes procedure, superstition, and the treasure chart to turn their own shared rules into weapons against their challenge.

MARK

Underline every rule or custom Silver cites back to the mutineers. Circle their reactions when they realize they have violated or forgotten a rule. Star the moment Silver converts knowledge into restored authority.

NOTICE

- Which source of power does Silver lack at the beginning of the confrontation?
- What rules do the mutineers expect to use against him?
- How does superior knowledge of the same system let Silver reverse the balance of power?

THINK

Answer provisionally: How does Silver use the pirates' own rules and superstitions to regain control after they depose him? Choose the strongest interpretation you can defend from this passage alone.

WRITE

Write a short evidence-based response to: How does Silver use the pirates' own rules and superstitions to regain control after they depose him? Use at least two details from the assigned passage and explain how they support your interpretation.

CLOSE

Name the single detail that most changed or sharpened your interpretation, and explain why.

STRONG ANSWER	Silver regains control by knowing the pirates' procedures and superstitions better than the mutineers do. He turns the same code they used to depose him into evidence that their own challenge is flawed, then strengthens his position with the chart.
EVIDENCE	Use specific rules or customs Silver invokes, the mutineers' reactions, and the moment knowledge changes who has authority.
WATCH FOR	Do not make the reversal only about Silver being clever or intimidating. The key is his mastery of the group's own rule system.
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SUPPORTED	Use narration and sentence highlighting while reading the same passage.
LISTENING	Listen to the exact passage; visual following is optional. Same question and evidence demand.

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OPEN THE MARKED PASSAGE IN TUMBLELIT

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3. THINK - Answer provisionally: How does Silver use the pirates' own rules and superstitions to regain control after they depose him?
4. WRITE - Write a short response using at least two pieces of evidence from this passage.

Use evidence from the assigned passage. Show what you noticed and how the text supports your interpretation.