

Year 6 Writing Project

1st - 5th June



If you are unable to access the video, here is the script.

Task 1: (Monday) Watch Treasure Island Episode 6:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/english-ks2-treasure-island-pt6/zv346v4>

6. The stockade and the pirates attack

Narrator: On Treasure Island you might be forgiven for thinking a war was taking place. Anchored in the bay, the *Hispaniola* is firing her cannon deep into the woods. And through the trees, the pirates advance, muskets blazing. Oblivious to the danger, young Jim Hawkins races through the undergrowth heading for the Union Jack that flies bravely atop the trees. When he gets there, it's a relief to find there's shelter. A tall wooden stockade stands in a clearing - and inside it, his old friends Squire Trelawney, Doctor Livesey, Captain Smollett and a handful of faithful sailors, are fending off a full-blown attack from the pirates.

Jim: Doctor! Squire! Captain! Let down the drawbridge! It's me!

Dr Livesey: Quickly, men, let the boy in!

Squire: Jim - we thought we'd lost you!

Hunter: Happen as still might unless we keep them muskets firing.

Squire: Ah, yes, good thinking my man. Repel the blackguards! A sovereign for every man we put down!

Narrator: But the pirates give up the fight - for now. Jim and the others exchange news. It turns out that the stockade they're in was built many years ago by Captain Flint as a stronghold if ever he should be attacked. Squire Trelawney and the others just beat Silver and the pirates to it - though they lost a couple of good men in so doing. They managed to salvage enough guns, ammunition and food from the ship to keep them going for a couple of weeks but not much more.

Jim: So - we're still outnumbered.

Captain Smollett: Aye - the laddy's right!

Hunter: Who goes there? Stand or we fire!

Long John Silver: Flag of truce!

Dr Livesey: What do you want with your flag of truce?

Long John Silver: Cap'n Silver, sir, to come on board and make terms.

Captain Smollett: Cap'n Silver! Never heard of him. Who's he?

Long John Silver: Me sir. These poor lads have chosen me to be their cap'n, after your...deser-tion...sir.

Captain Smollett: Ha! Desertion! I'll show you desertion!

Doctor Livesey: Smollett! Smollett! We'll hear you, Silver. But just you mind, now.

Long John Silver: Why thankee, sir. I knew you were a reasonable gent.

Narrator: Captain Smollett and Long John Silver face each other sullenly. Each man sits and lights a pipe. Neither speaks until...

Long John Silver: So here we are all together like a happy family, in a manner of speaking.

Captain Smollett: If you have anything to say, man, say it and be off with you!

Narrator: So Silver lays down his terms. He wants the treasure - and he means to have it. But he needs the map to find it. So if they'll just give him the map, he promises to let them be and not to kill them all.

Long John Silver: A handsomer deal, you couldn't look to get, now, could you?

Narrator: Silver smiles. But Smollett's face is dark. He in turn makes Silver an offer.

Captain Smollett: Give yourselves up now, and I'll make sure you get a fair trial back home. That - or die here on the island. Now off with you mister Silver before you get a bullet in your back!

Narrator: Silver's face darkened and his eyes grow cold.

Long John Silver: Give me a hand up!

Narrator: The Captain turns his back.

Long John Silver: Who'll give me a hand up?

Narrator: Not a man moves to help him. Silver has no choice. He crawls along the sand till he can grab hold of the porch and then hoists himself up against his crutch. Jim holds his breath.



Long John Silver: *(Spitting)* That's what I think of ye! Laugh, by thunder, laugh! Before an hour's out I'll stove in your old block-house like a rum-puncheon! Them that die'll be the lucky ones!

Narrator: And off he stumbles into the trees.

Squire: Well said, Smollett! That'll take the wind out of his sails.

Jim: I'm not sure, sir - isn't that the pirates now..?

Narrator: And before they can say another word there's the scream of cannon ball and the crack of musket ball and the wild swearing of blood-thirsty pirates as Silver's men hurl themselves upon the stockade.



The fight is long and gruelling - and when it's over, five more pirates lie dead; the rest are scattered. Smollett is badly wounded and two more loyal sailors are dead too. Exhausted, Jim, the Squire and Doctor Livesey settle down for a grim and fearful night. Whilst, up on the hill above the stockade, mad Ben Gunn sniffs the air, listens to the island's night time noises and begins to plot his revenge.

Task 2: (Tuesday) To be able to use formal language.



Read the presentation on formal language on the Home Learning Page.

Complete the following tasks.

Task 1: Complete the table below by ticking whether the text type is formal or informal:

	 Formal	 Informal
A text message to a friend.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A job application letter.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A letter of complaint to a supermarket.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Diary entry.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A letter to a relative.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
An email to your manager.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Task 2: Complete the table below by ticking whether the sentence is formal or informal:

	 Formal	 Informal
It's my daughter's birthday – please come!	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your presence is requested at our daughter's party.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you fancy coming to a party?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Too much unhealthy food should be avoided.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Task 3: Identify the most formal sentence by ticking one:

- a) Eating too much junk food isn't a good idea.
- Eating excessive amounts of unhealthy food is strongly advised against.
- You really shouldn't eat lots of junk food.
- b) I hate zoos – they should be banned!
- There are several arguments against the use of zoos.
- I believe zoos shouldn't be allowed anymore.

Task 4: Rewrite each sentence so it is more or less formal:



Formal



Informal

You are invited to a celebration to mark this momentous occasion.

Thanks for writing to me.

The celebration will commence at 7pm.

It's really important that you're not late.

Challenge Rewrite my formal paragraph to make it informal:

Dear sir/madam,
 I am writing to complain about an incident, which took place at 3am on Thursday 6th June. The incident that I am referring to was in my home in Texas (Earth). Luckily, I was able to salvage my CCTV from the wreckage (of my house) in order to determine what had occurred. There are several things that I witnessed on the footage that I will address in this letter.

Task 3: (Wednesday) To identify the features of a persuasive letter.

Identify organisational features such as sentence starters as well as persuasive language, punctuation, conjunctions and parenthesis.



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Dear Lord Flaggot-Duncleberry,

Recently, I went trekking through the Himalayan mountains – something I have been wanting to do for many years. The experience was mind blowing, not just because of the unbelievable views and the fascinating culture, but because I had the good fortune to be in the presence of a quite remarkable creature: the Yeti. I know after reading this you may wish to dismiss my claim immediately, but I implore you to continue reading. Upon finding out that you are in charge of The Society of Great Beasts, of which the Yeti is not a member, I have chosen to write to you in a bid to change your mind.

I am sure you are aware of the Yeti's history and the many legendary tales featuring the creature; however, the evidence I have collected (from my own sightings and the villagers I spoke to) I am positive, will convince even the most sceptical of people. Firstly, after seeing the beast cross over the path not far from where I was stood, I was able to make a cast of the giant footprint it left behind. This clearly shows the size of the beast's feet confirming that it cannot be human. Also, it clearly shows it cannot be a bear or any other sizable animal living in the mountains because of the shape of the toes and the foot.

As well as this, I was also quick enough to take a photo of the Yeti one night whilst I was peering out of my tent. Although it was dark, I was able to catch a snapshot of the creature running away. This image highlights the beast's size, weight and the colour of its fur confirming the identity as a Yeti; I cannot wait for you to see the photograph.

Furthermore, after taking the photograph, I was unable to sleep so I ventured to where the beast had been stood. Within minutes, I had found four separate hairs all belonging to the creature. Once I arrived home, I had the hair DNA tested, and to my sheer joy, they were unable to match the DNA to any pre-existing animal. This is undeniable evidence of the existence of the Yeti, I'm sure you'll agree.

In addition to the evidence I have carefully gathered, I spoke with witnesses living in nearby villages. One villager told me they saw two figures moving across the snow which had a height not much less than eight feet (certainly taller than any human); heads which were described as 'squarish'; ears that laid close to the skull; and shoulders which sloped sharply down to a powerful chest covered by white hair forming thick, short body fur mixed with some long straight hairs hanging downward. With such a detailed and powerful description of the beasts, how can we question its validity, especially when it matches with exactly what I witnessed?

Considering everything I have told you, as well as the hundreds of eye witness accounts I am able to provide, how can we continue to deny the existence of the Yeti? It is justified and correct that you induct this amazing creature into The Society of Great Beasts and I am confident you will agree and aim to do the right thing.

Yours Sincerely,
Sir John Frost



Task 4: (Thursday) To plan a persuasive letter to Long John Silver.

Introduction	Why are you writing to him? State your intention.
Paragraph 1	First reason Long John Silver should take the deal.
Paragraph 2	Second reason Long John Silver should take the deal.
Paragraph 3	Third reason Long John Silver should take the deal.
Conclusion	Close your letter, summarise your main points.

Task 5: (Friday) To write a persuasive letter to Long John Silver.

Write a letter to Long John Silver persuading him to take Captain Smollett's deal. Think about your persuasive language. What might persuade him to take the deal?