

Unit 6

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Reader's Notebook

Heroes of Isle aux Morts

Before Reading

1. What clues do you get from the pictures in the story about the setting and mood?

Danger, darkness, takes place at sea, ship is in danger, dog somehow helps in the story.

2. What do you know about any of the words in the title? How does that help you know something about the story?

Heroes – someone who saves another person, animal, etc., from a dangerous situation;
Morts – means “death” in French; *Isle* – means “island” in French.

During Reading

Read each section of the story, then answer the questions for that section.

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1. Why is there a bright red light in the sky?

It was a flare from a ship in trouble.

2. Why is this place called “Isle aux Morts”? What makes it so dangerous?

Dangerous reefs and shoals, no lighthouses, many fishermen did not return from sea, many ships sank or ran aground, big storms hit the island, name means “Island of the Dead”.

Pages 168 and 169 of Literacy in Action 5

1. Why do you think Anne’s father held little hope for the people on the *Despatch*?

The sea was so story that the dory couldn’t get to the *Despatch*; the ship was starting to get smashed to pieces; the only hope was to send the dog with the rope to the *Despatch*.

2. What were some of the feelings you experienced as you read this part of the story? When did you experience them?

Nervousness when it was suggested the dog get the rope; worry for the passengers; scared that the boat was going to get smashed; excited when the dog made it to the ship.

Pages 170 and 171 of Literacy in Action 5

1. After the rescue, why do you think the passengers stayed on the island for more than a week?

They were waiting for a new ship to come get them; they were nervous about sailing again; they wanted to recover from their scare, they wanted to spend time with the families on the island.

2. What do you think the family would consider as the greatest reward? Why would that be?

Family, safety, new friends, safe rescue of the people on the ship. Family stays with you always; families love each other and will take care of each other; new friends are more valuable than money and will last longer.

After Reading

1. Below are symbols from the story. Write one or two words to tell what each symbol represents.

Hairy Man:	courage	determination
Rugged sea coast:	danger	death
People of the island:	helpful, courageous	hospitable
A red flare:	help	trouble
The gold medal:	reward	recognition
Rope:	life	connection to land