

1/SAILOR BILL: They're killing him! They're killing him. The natives are killing Captain Cook! Our boats are not close enough to save him! What can we do?

2/CLERKE: I'm afraid it's too late, Bill. He's dead. They are taking his body away.

3/YOUNG NICK: Captain Cook—dead! I can't believe it. He went ashore less than an hour ago. I feel like I've lost my father.

4/MATE: You are right, Nick. He did watch over us like a father.

1/SAILOR BILL: I can't believe it. He was alive, walking back toward the boats, and then that man ran in and stabbed him. It all happened so quickly!

5/SAILOR JIM: We were lucky to serve under him. He was a good man and a fair man. Sailors liked to sail with him because he rarely lost men to scurvy, the dread disease of sailors.

2/CLERKE: That's true, Jim. When I started sailing, 60 out of every 100 sailors on long voyages died—most of scurvy, but it was rare for one of Cook's men to suffer from the disease.

3/YOUNG NICK: Why? What did Captain Cook do differently? He's been my only captain. I can't compare his ship with any other.

4/MATE: He insisted on cleanliness. The bedding had to be aired each day and the quarters kept clean. That wasn't true on other ships.

- 5/SAILOR JIM:** Right, Mate! He also brought different foods on board for us to eat, and he insisted that we eat fresh food whenever possible.
- 2/CLERKE:** He was serious about the eating habits of the crew. He once had a man flogged for not eating properly.
- 1/SAILOR BILL:** Aye, Clerke, but that was rare. The men could see the results and were eager to do what Captain Cook told them to do.
- 3/YOUNG NICK:** Look—on the shore. What are they doing?
- 2/CLERKE:** I think they're building a funeral pyre. That is a tribute to Captain Cook.
- 4/MATE:** These natives of Hawaii thought our captain was a god. They treated us wonderfully only a few weeks ago.
- 5/SAILOR JIM:** I think they gave us all their food on that visit. They became angry when we had to return to repair the mast.
- 2/CLERKE:** Cook realized that our return was a potential problem. The natives resented our return. They had begun to steal from us. That was why he was on shore. He always faced problems. He was a good man.
- 1/SAILOR BILL:** You've been with Captain Cook on other voyages, haven't you?