

I am going to split your reading of the book into 4 pieces. This is the first with some guided reading questions to go along with it.

Reading Assignment #2: Beginning of the fishing trip to when the fish jumps. "He's coming up . . . Come on hand. Please come on."

Here is the pdf for the novel: <https://www.arvindguptatoys.com/arvindgupta/oldmansea.pdf>

Reading Assignment #2

1. How did Santiago think of the sea? (To what does he compare it?)

2. "It is better to be lucky. But I would rather be exact. Then when luck comes, you are ready."

Explain.

3. What fish did the old man catch first?

4. "If the other heard me talking out loud, they would think that I am crazy . . . But since I am not crazy, I do not care." What does that tell us about the old man's character?

5. What happened when the old man first tried to pull in the bill fish?

6. What does the old man think of porpoises and flying fish, and the pair of marlin he had hooked before?
7. Santiago often wishes the boy were there. Why?
8. "His choice had been to stay in the deep dark water far out beyond all snares and traps . . . My choice was to go there to find him beyond all people . . . in the world." Explain the importance of this passage.
9. Why did Santiago want the fish to turn and swim with the current?
10. Explain the significance of "Take a good rest, small bird . . . Then go in and take your chances like any man or bird or fish."
11. What happened when the fish lurched?
12. What was Santiago's problem with the left hand?