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**Directions:** On separate paper, write a brief answer to each study question as you read the novel at home or in class. Use the questions for review before group discussions and before your final test. Starred questions have no “right” or “wrong” answers.

\* = thought or opinion question

\*\* = prediction

### Letters 1-4, pp. 1-16

1. Who is R. Walton and why is he writing to his sister?
2. What did R. Walton love to read about when he was a boy?
3. What career did R. Walton pursue unsuccessfully for a year before inheriting his cousin's fortune?
4. What does R. Walton tell his sister is the “one want which I have never yet been able to satisfy”? (p. 4)
5. Why did R. Walton decide to hire the man who is now master of the ship?
6. What strange sight did R. Walton and his men see with their telescopes as they waited for the fog to clear?
7. What was odd about the stranger's asking where the ship was going before he consented to come on board?
8. What did the stranger answer when asked why he had come so far on the ice?
- \* 9. What is it about the stranger that Captain Walton finds so interesting and appealing? What is it about the Captain that makes the stranger so gloomy and upset?
- \*\* 10. Prediction: What will the stranger's story be about?

### Chapters 1-4, pp. 17-41

1. Whose relationship is the stranger describing when he says, “He strove to shelter her, as a fair exotic is sheltered by the gardener...” (p. 19)?
2. How did the stranger's parents treat him when he was a child?
3. Why did the peasant family raise Elizabeth—and why did they give her up?
4. To what native country did Victor's parents return to raise their children?
5. Who was Victor's close boyhood friend?
6. When he was 15, what did Victor see that made him doubt that the ancient philosophers who had so intrigued him could ever provide real knowledge?
7. How did Victor's mother die?
8. Who told Victor he was “happy to have gained a disciple” (p. 34)?