**This is to be turned in at the beginning of your midterm block on Friday, January 15th. This will be graded for accuracy as part of your midterm exam.**

**Pirates of Penzance Reading Questions**

**Act 1**

1. How old is Frederic?
2. What was Frederic supposed to be instead of a pirate?
3. Frederic has been at sea since he was what age?
4. How old does Frederic say a bride should be for a man his age?
5. How old is Ruth?
6. What color hair does Ruth have?
7. Because the daughters find themselves alone they say they should take off their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ so they can paddle.
8. Besides plain, what two descriptions of the daughters does Frederic use that offends the girls?
9. Which daughter sings out her name making Frederic eager to meet her?
10. What does Edith recommend the girls do to compromise after Kate suggests the girls should leave the couple there together?
11. Who announces to the other pirates that the daughters’ father is a Major General?
12. Fill in the blanks: “…still in matters \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I am the very model of a Major-General.”
13. What two words to the Major General and Pirate King seem to confuse when talking to each other?

**Act 2**

1. Who does Frederic have on his side to help wipe out the pirates?
2. What is the one word chant they keep exclaiming over and over again?
3. Explain this “paradox” the Pirate King and Ruth speak of:
4. How old is Frederic actually?
5. Who is the “traitor” that Ruth and the Pirate King are talking about?
6. Why do the pirates yield?
7. Explain the ending of the opera:

Extra credit (5 points): How many years would Frederic have to serve on the ship until he was “actually 21.”