



READERS' CORNER

❑ COMPREHENSION CHECK

1 Answer the questions.

1. Who was Alexander Selkirk and what did he inspire?
2. What important characteristics did Robinson Crusoe and Chuck Nolan have in common?
3. What greatly bothered both castaways?
4. Who was Friday?
5. Who became Chuck Nolan's friend and why?
6. Why is communication so very important to human beings?

❑ DISCUSSION

2. Other than optimism, courage and self-reliance, which other characteristics do you think are needed to survive alone on a desert island? Circle them and tell the class why?

determination intelligence religious faith creativity sense of humor curiosity

3. If you had to go and live on a desert island, name three things that you would take with you, excluding your smart phone, because there would be no field on the island! Make sure you can justify your choices.

4. Do you think *luck* is a determining factor in a castaway's survival? Why?

5. What does the word *self-reliance* mean to you? How important is it in your life?

6. If you have already seen the movie *Cast Away*, give your opinions and feelings about the film and its main actor. If not, watch the short trailer on the web.

