

Pirates



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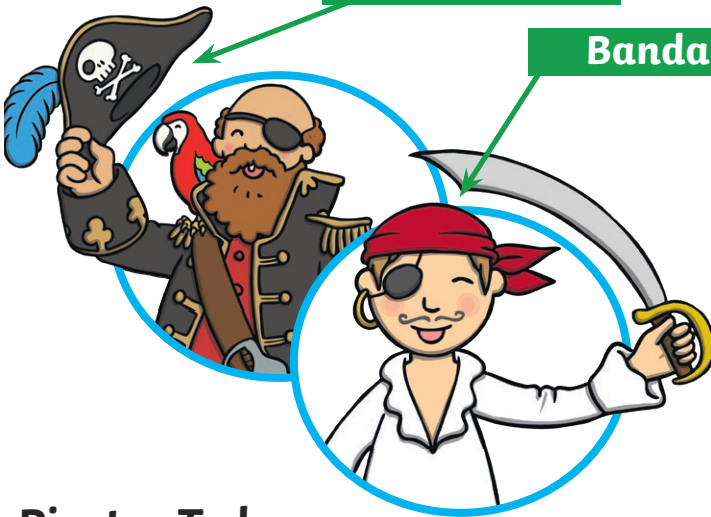
Pirate Ships

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Pirate Dress

Bicorn hat

Bandana



Famous Pirates from Long Ago

John 'Jack' Rackham

– He made the Jolly Roger flag.

Bartholomew Roberts

– He stole 400 ships!

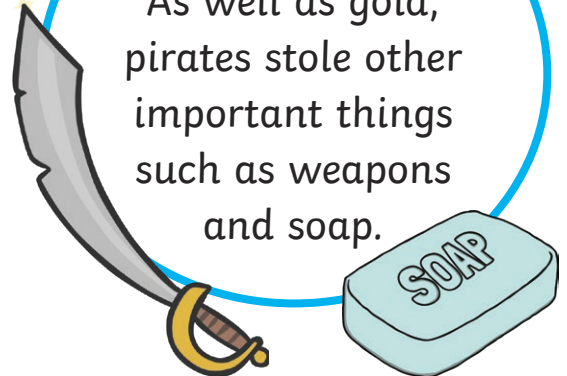
Pirates Today

They don't dress the same as pirates from the past, but pirates do still exist today in places around the world.



Did You Know?

As well as gold, pirates stole other important things such as weapons and soap.



Pirates Questions

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- ☐ eats lots of pies
- ☐ catches rats
- ☐ attacks and robs ships
- ☐ bakes bread



2. This flag is called...

- ☐ The Jolly Jimmy
- ☐ The Jolly Robert
- ☐ The Jolly Pirate
- ☐ The Jolly Roger

3. Pirates wore bandanas on their...

- ☐ heads
- ☐ feet
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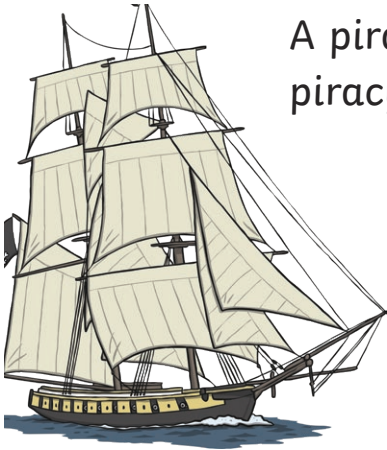
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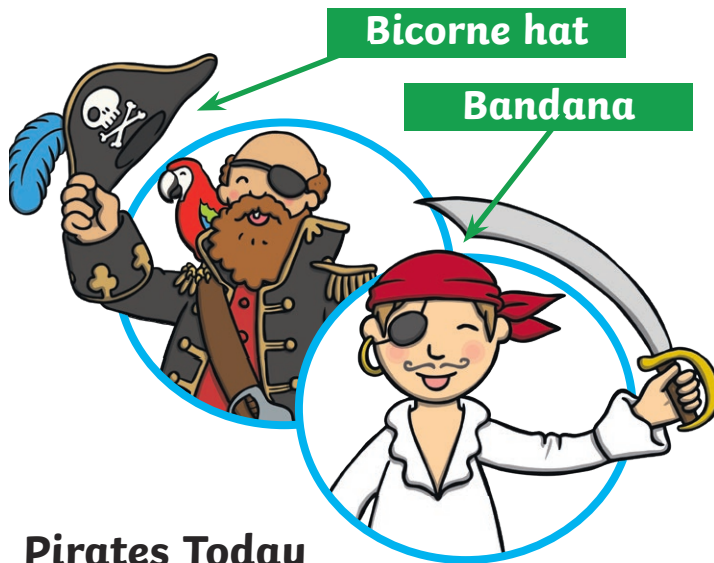


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Pirate Ships

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Famous Pirates of the Golden Age



John 'Jack'

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– English pirate captain who made the Jolly Roger flag.

Bartholomew Roberts

– Welsh pirate who captured 400 ships in four years!

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Did you know?

- Pirates stole useful items such as medicine, weapons and soap as well as gold and silver.
- Pirates thought whistling on a ship could cause a storm.
- As far as we know, pirates never used treasure maps. This could have been an idea which was made up for pirate stories.

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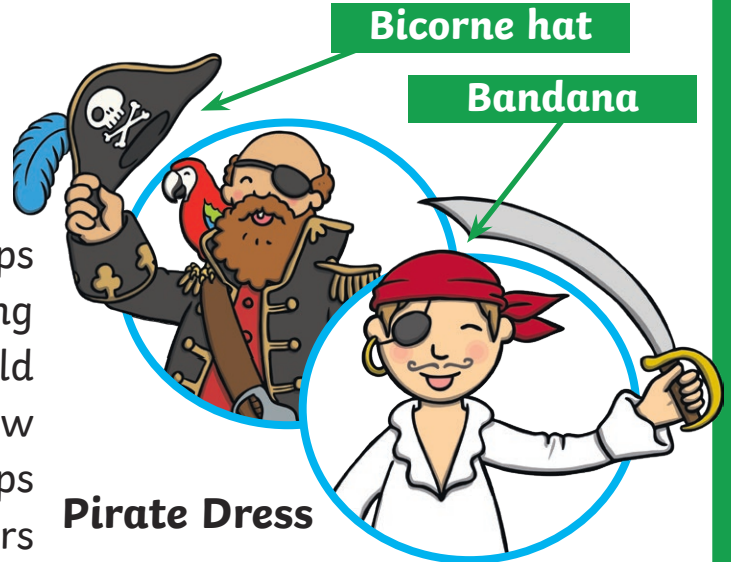


A pirate is a person who attacks and robs ships or ports.

Pirates have been around since ancient times but most piracy happened during the 1600s and 1700s. This is called the Golden Age of Piracy.

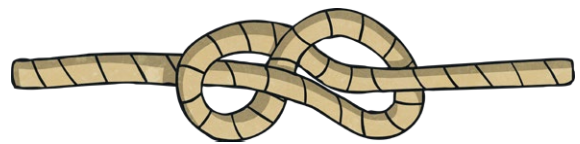
Pirate Ships

Pirate ships were often ships which had been captured during raids. Some pirate captains would start with a small ship and crew and would capture larger ships and persuade more crew members to join them. Although larger ships could hold more people, small ships could sail quicker and travel more easily into narrow or shallow waters.



Pirate Dress

Pirates of this time usually wore short, buttoned jackets, shirts and trousers or breeches (short trousers fastened just below the knee). Headscarves and bandanas were also common. The captain might have worn a tricorne hat.



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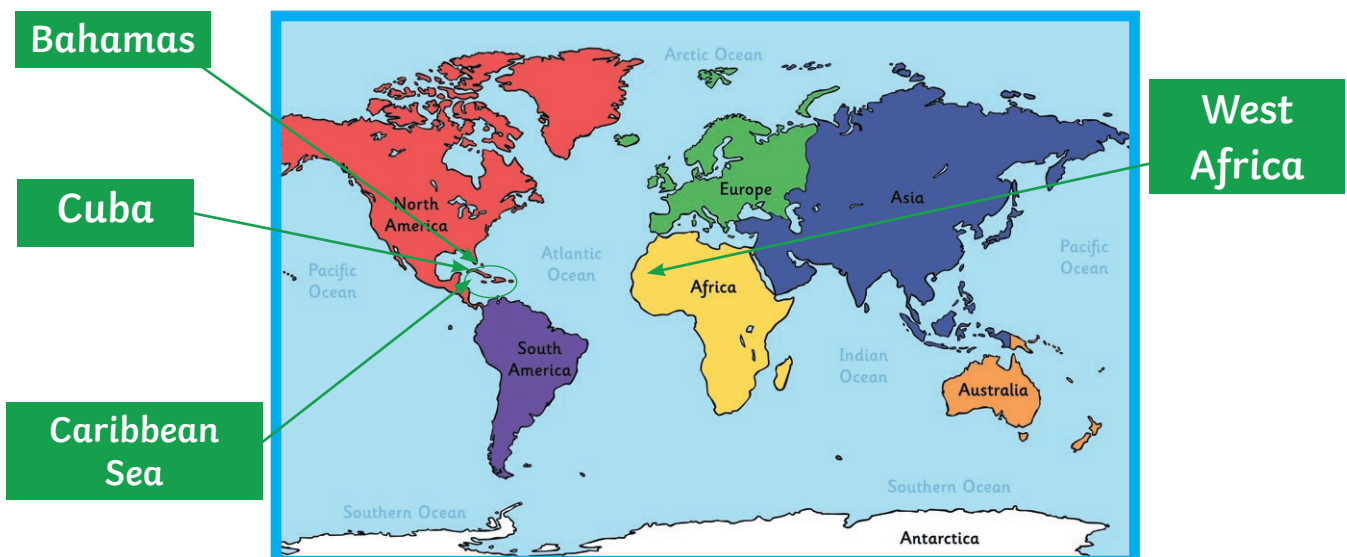
Most people think pirates only existed long ago, but pirates do still exist today in places around the world. They don't dress like Blackbeard but have attacked many ships in the oceans.

Famous Pirates of the Golden Age

Captain Blackbeard captured a ship, added 40 cannons and renamed it 'Queen Anne's Revenge'. He and his crew sailed the **Atlantic** and **Caribbean sea**. People were very frightened of him.

John 'Jack' Rackham was an English pirate captain who is famous for the design of the Jolly Roger flag. He raided ships in the **Bahamas and Cuba**.

Bartholomew Roberts was a famous Welsh pirate who is believed to have captured 400 ships in four years. He raided ships near **West Africa and North and South America**.



Other Pirate Facts

- They stole useful items such as medicine, weapons and soap, as well as gold and silver.
- It was thought to be bad luck to have women on a pirate ship.
- Pirates believed whistling on a ship could cause a storm.
- They had rules about behaviour on the ship and how stolen goods would be shared out.
- As far as we know, pirates never used treasure maps. This could have been an idea which was made up for pirate stories. Also, no famous pirate ever had a wooden peg leg or a hook for a hand.

Pirates Questions

1. What is the name given to the time when most piracy took place?

2. Pirate ships were often ships which had been...

- ☐ washed up on a desert island
- ☐ captured
- ☐ bought from other countries
- ☐ borrowed

3. Give one advantage to smaller pirate ships.

4. Match the beginning of the sentence to the correct ending:

Captain Blackbeard

raided ships in the Bahamas.

Captain Roberts

raided ships near West Africa.

Captain Rackham

raided ships in the Atlantic.

Pirates Questions

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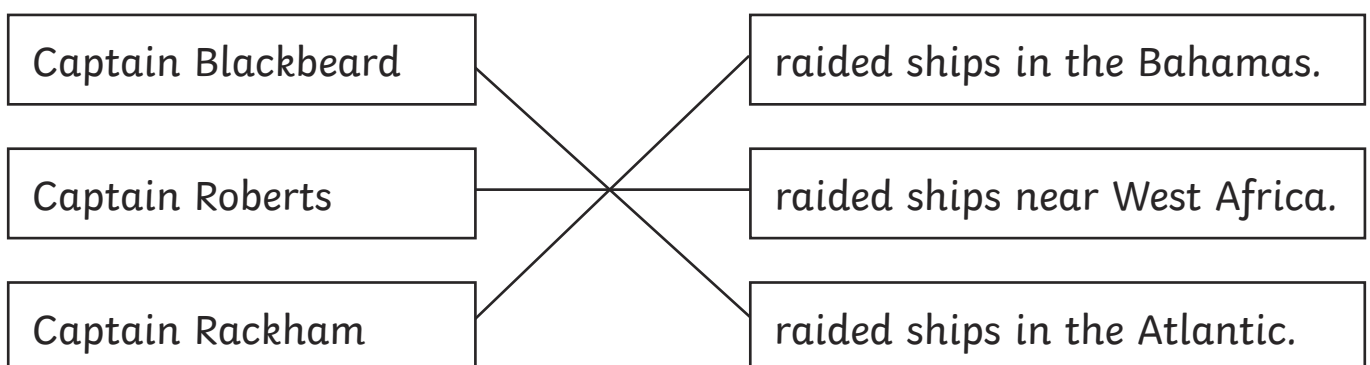
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Answers may include:

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Various answers