

# Pirates

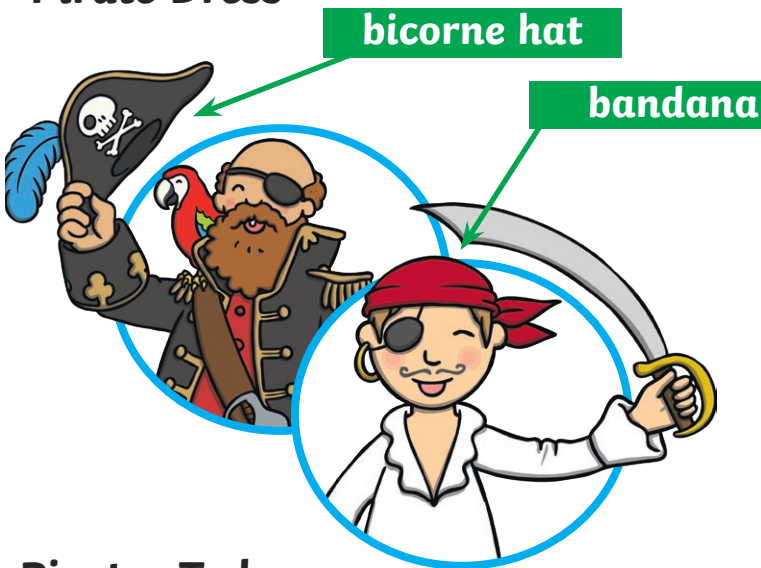


A pirate is a person who attacks and robs ships.

## Pirate Ships

Some pirate captains would start with a small ship and crew. Then, they would capture a bigger ship to use instead.

## Pirate Dress



## Famous Pirates from Long Ago

John 'Jack' Rackham

He made the Jolly Roger flag.

Bartholomew Roberts

He stole 400 ships!

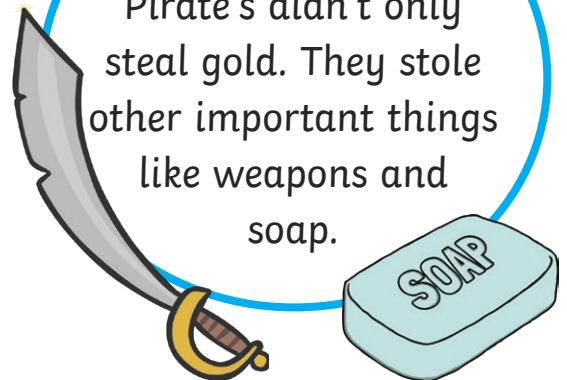
## Pirates Today

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...?

Pirates didn't only steal gold. They stole other important things like weapons and soap.



# Questions

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  - ☐ attacks and robs ships
  - ☐ bakes bread
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  - ☐ Bartholomew Roberts
  - ☐ a small ship and crew
3. Which of these did pirates steal? Tick one.
  - ☐ towns
  - ☐ bandanas
  - ☐ weapons
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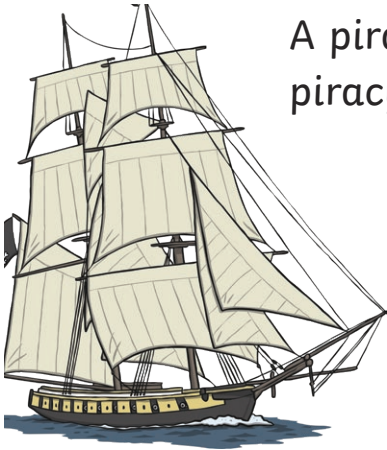
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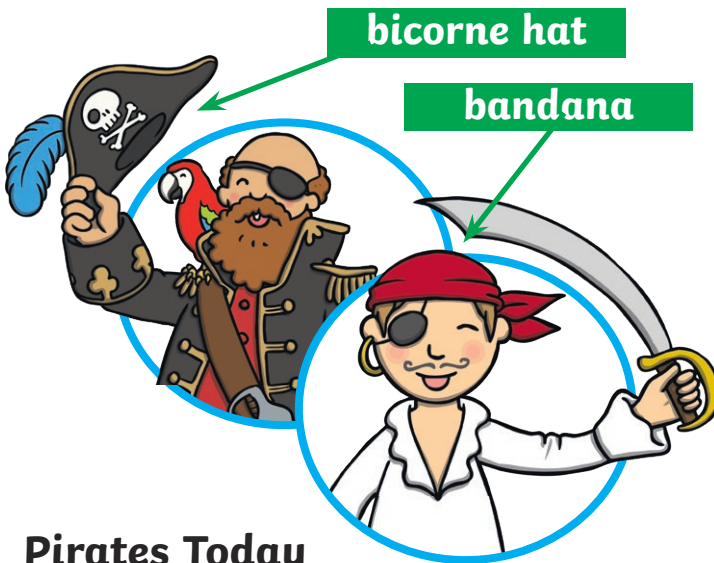


A pirate is a person who attacks and robs ships. Most piracy happened during the 1600s and 1700s.

## Pirate Ships

Pirate ships were often ships which had been captured. Some pirate captains would start with a small ship and crew. They would capture bigger ships, take on more crew members and use the bigger ship instead.

## Pirate Dress



## Famous Pirates of the Golden Age

John 'Jack'

Rackham was an English pirate captain who made the Jolly Roger flag. Bartholomew Roberts was a Welsh pirate who captured 400 ships in four years!



## 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...?

- 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.

# Questions

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made the Jolly  
Roger flag.

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Rackham ...

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Bartholomew Roberts  
captured ...

a small ship  
and crew.

2. True or False? Pirates stole things like soap and weapons, as well as gold and silver.

- ☐ true  
☐ false

3. Pirates thought that whistling on the ship would... Tick one.

- ☐ bring good luck  
☐ stop the wind  
☐ cause a storm

4. All pirates used treasure maps.

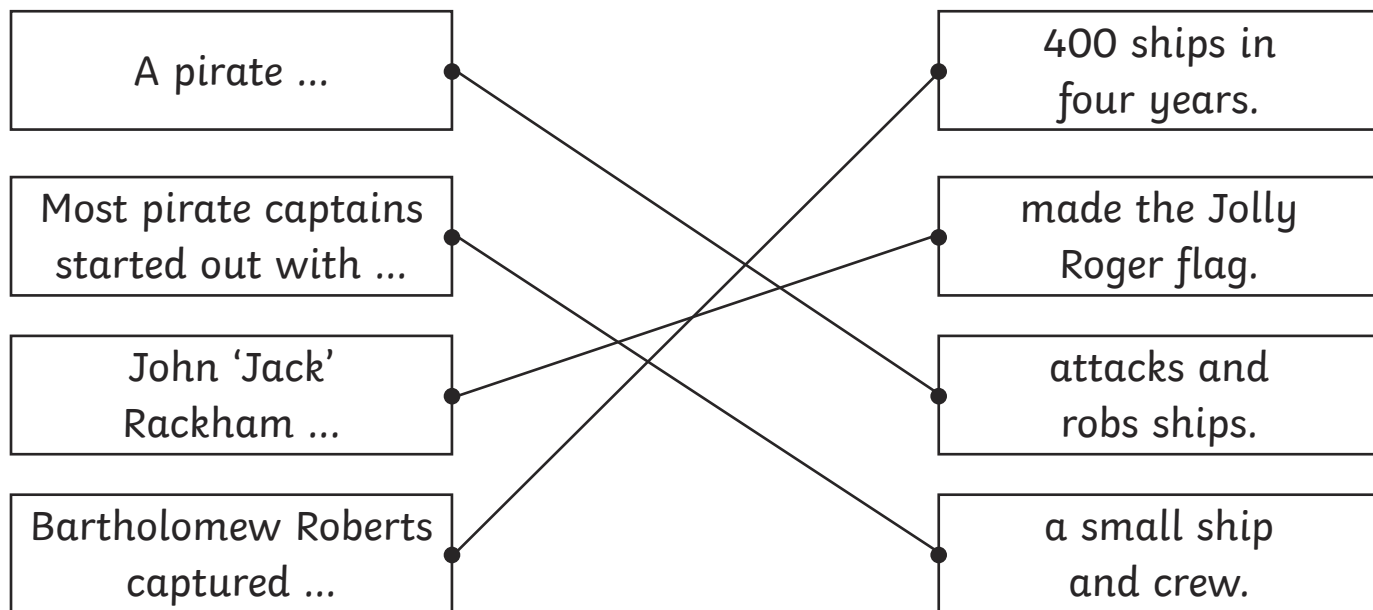
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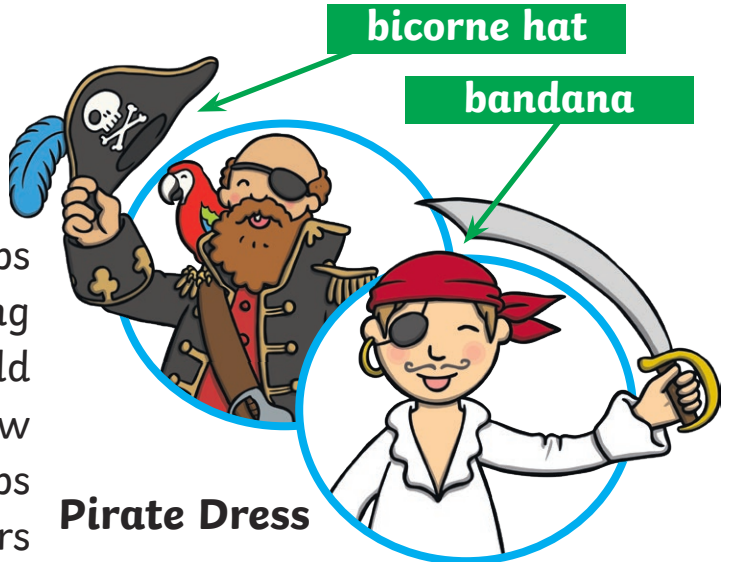


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Pirates have been around since ancient times but most piracy happened during the 1600s and 1700s. This is called the Golden Age of Piracy.

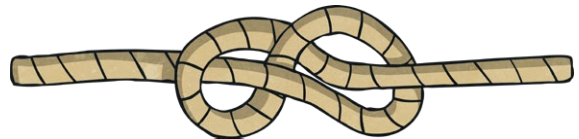
## Pirate Ships

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. Larger ships could hold more people but smaller ships could sail more quickly 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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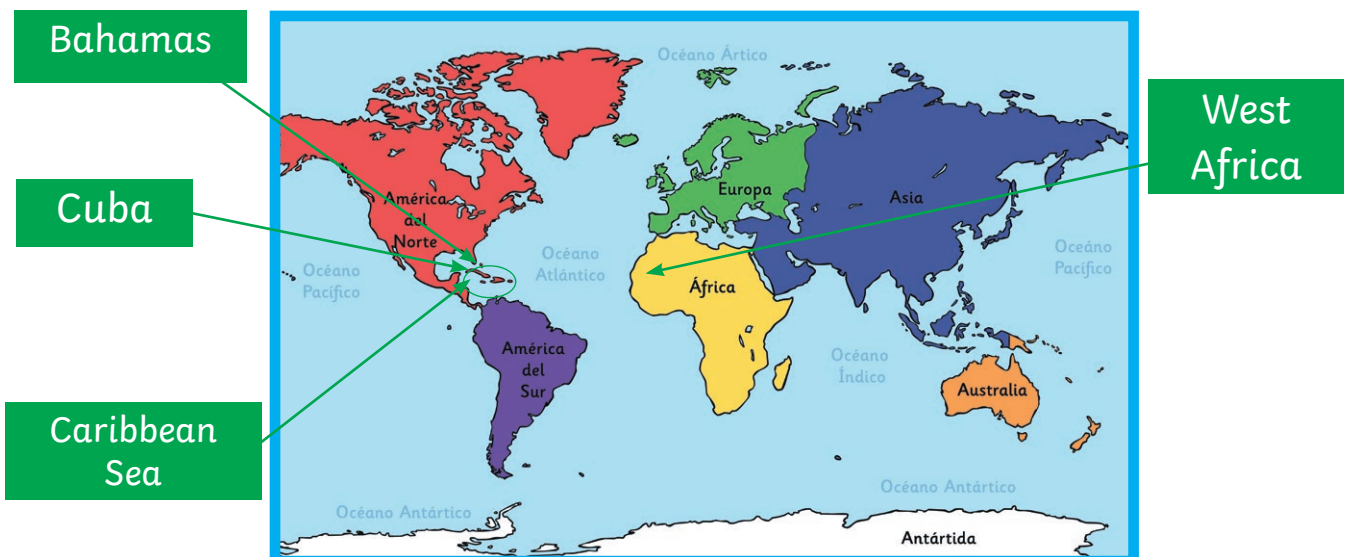
Most people think pirates only existed long ago but pirates do still exist today in places around the world. They don't dress like Blackbeard but have attacked many ships in the oceans.

## 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 the 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 in 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, North America 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 that 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.



# Questions

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

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

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

3. Give one advantage to smaller pirate ships.

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4. Draw three lines and complete each sentence.

Captain Blackbeard ...

raided ships in  
the Bahamas.

Captain Roberts ...

raided ships near  
West Africa.

Captain Rackham ...

raided ships in  
the Atlantic.

5. What are breeches? Tick one.

- ☐ shoes
- ☐ socks
- ☐ short trousers

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**The name given to the time when most piracy took place was the Golden Age of Piracy.**

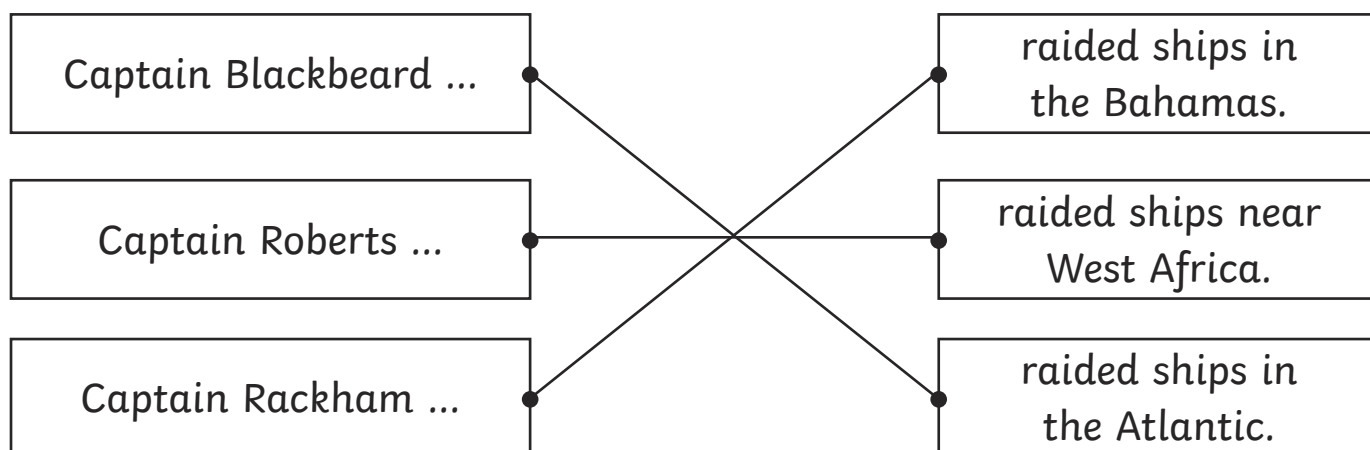
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**Accept any one of the following: small ships could sail faster; small ships could travel more easily into narrow or shallow waters.**

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6. Why do you think that pirates wanted to steal items, such as weapons and soap, as well as gold and silver?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that pirates wanted to steal weapons and soap because they didn't have enough of their own onboard the ship.**