

Famous Pirates

**Blackbeard (1680-1718)**

Edward Teach or Thatch, better known as Blackbeard, was an English pirate who sailed around the West Indies and the Eastern coast of Britain's North American colonies. His nickname describe his thick, black beard and fearsome appearance.

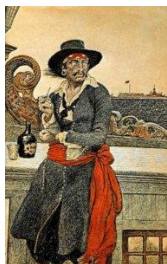
Anne Bonny (1697-1782 approx.)

Anne Bonny was an Irish pirate sailing in the Caribbean, and one of the most famous female pirates of all time. She often disguised herself as a man and became one of the most recognisable and wanted faces of the 'Golden Age of Piracy'

**William Kidd (1645 – 1701)**

William Kidd was a wealthy and well

respected man before he became a pirate. He was unlucky as he was forced to become a pirate and was eventually killed when he was caught. He was known to have buried treasure on Long Island in New York.

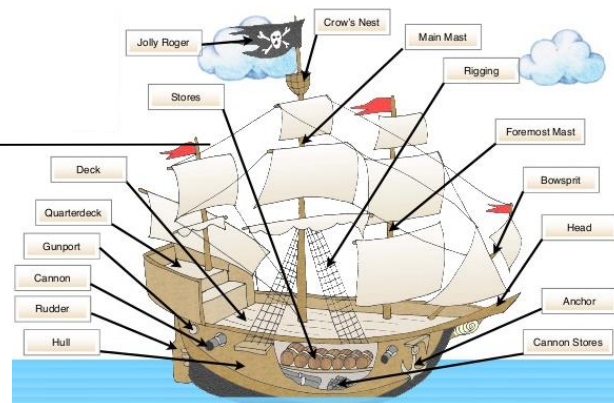
**Sir Francis Drake (1540 – 1596)**

Sir Francis Drake was an Englishman who had many job roles which included sea

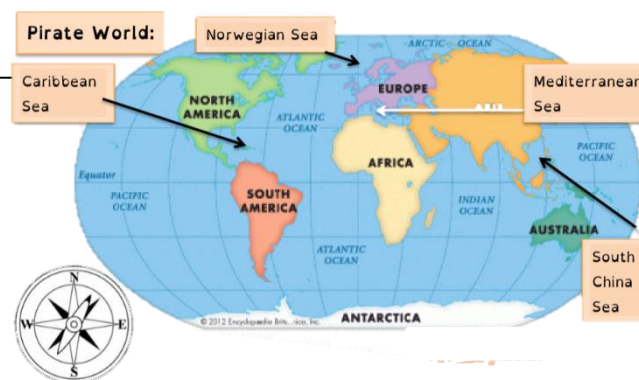
captain and explorer. He carried out the second circumnavigation of the world in a single expedition from 1577 to 1580.



Parts of a pirate ship



Pirate Oceans



Vocabulary Dozen

Compass	An instrument used for finding directions with a magnetic needle that always points North
Continent	A large area of land that is made up of several countries
Cutlass	A short sword that used to be used by pirates and sailors
Hard tack	A hard, dry bread that last a long time eaten by pirates and sailors
Jolly Roger	The traditional black pirate flag with a white skull and crossbones
Loot	Treasure such as money or jewels stolen from someone else
Marooned	To leave someone trapped and alone in a place they can't escape from like a desert island
Musket	A gun containing gunpowder
Navigate	To decide which course to follow and steer a ship there.
Pirate	A person who attacks and robs ships
Scurvy	A disease from often eating a poor diet with little fruit and vegetables
Voyage	A long journey on a ship

Ideas to think about...

- Why did pirates wear eye patches?
- Did pirates have parrots as pets?
- When was the 'Golden Age of Pirates'?
- What was the 'Pirate Code'?

Key Dates

1557 Conflict between England and Spain brought more pirates.	1623-1638 The Caribbean became a pirate haven. Over 500 ships raided and destroyed.	1650 The start of the 'Golden Age of Pirates'.	1718 Blackbeard died in battle	1730 The end of the 'Golden Age of Pirates'.	1775-early 1800s Piracy returned to the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean.
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