Pirates!

Who Are Pirates?

A pirate is someone who attacks or robs a ship. Pirates have existed for thousands of years but the 'Golden Age' of piracy was in the 17th and 18th centuries. During this time, more than 5000 ruthless pirates used to loot ships around the world, particularly in seas around the Caribbean and the Coast of Africa.

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What Did Pirates Steal?

Pirates are well known for stealing treasure, such as gold and silver. Pirates also stole many other things. They often ransacked ships for food, such as rice and fish, so that they didn't go hungry.

Pirate ships were well-used, so pirates would sometimes raid other ships for materials such as ropes, wood and sails to carry out essential repairs. In addition, they stole other useful items like candles, soap and cooking pots.

Trade ships carried goods to sell. Pirates would attack these ships and take goods that they could sell on, such as spices, cocoa, cotton and wood. They would also take valuable weapons and tools, such as cannons and gunpowder, from other ships.

True, false, can't tell?

1. A pirate is someone who steals from another ship.
True / False / Can't tell

2. Pirates have only been around for a few hundred years.
True / False / Can't tell

3. Pirates were common around Scotland.
True / False / Can't tell

True, false, can't tell?

4. Pirates only steal gold and silver.

True / False / Can't tell

5. Pirates liked to eat rice and fish.

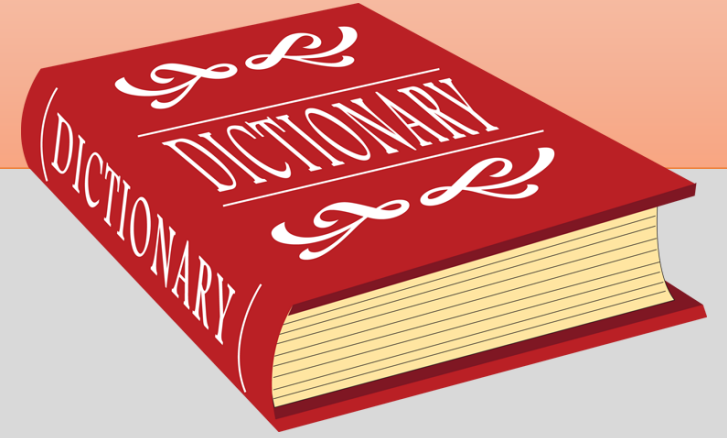True / False / Can't tell

6. Pirates always kept what they stole.

True / False / Can't tell

Can you find the **Caribbean** and **Africa** on the map?
If you have a gloe or maps at home, they may be clearer!

Create your own pirate dictionary!

Design a front cover then find the definitions and add these words.

Find out the definitions for these words and add them to you dictionary.

1. Pirate
2. Ruthless
3. Loot
4. Ransacked