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Remembering Details

Comprehension Activities



■ Curriculum Readers: 800 - 1300 Total Words

Pirates

1. Pirate Rules and Captain John Phillips

C. Recalling Information to Remember

What are three interesting facts would you like to remember about Captain John Phillips and about pirate rules?

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D. Comprehension Check Page

What do you remember?

1. List the events in sequence:
 - a. Captain Phillips is hit over the head and thrown overboard.
 - b. The crew is nearly starving.
 - c. Captain Phillips steals a ship and calls it the Revenge.
 - d. Captain Phillips finds out some crew members are planning to keep a stolen ship for themselves.
 - e. He steals a large ship from Captain Harradine.
 - f. Captain Phillips shoots two of his own crew dead.
2. Why did pirates write Articles of Agreement?
3. What happened to pirates if they were captured?
4. How did pirate careers usually end?
5. What made Captain Phillips decide to become a pirate for the second time?

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2. The Success of The Sultana: Sam Bellamy's Richest Raid

C. Recalling Information to Remember

What three interesting facts would you like to remember about Sam Bellamy's pirate life?

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What do you remember?

1. What made Sam Bellamy's short career as a pirate a memorable one?
2. Why did Sam decide to keep The Whydah and sail in it?
3. Pirates wanted to steal ships if they could, and so they wanted ships to surrender to them rather than have to battle for them. What weapons did pirates use to try to make sure that stolen ships could be sailed away if they wanted them?
4. What sort of swords did pirates use? Why were they the best ones for pirates?
5. What did pirates need to do to make sure their ships could sail fast?

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3. Captain Wickstead Meets George Lowther

C. Recalling Information to Remember

What three interesting facts would you like to remember about George Lowther's raid on Captain Wickstead's ship?

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What do you remember?

1. Tick the events that happened:
 - The two ships had a ferocious battle.
 - Captain Wickstead's ship was stripped of everything valuable.
 - Parrots are released into the wild by crew members.
 - George Lowther demanded to know where the gold was.
 - Captain Wickstead and his crew swam back to Barbados.
 - George Lowther fired swivel cannons at the Princess Galley.
2. The pirates stole everything, even the sails. Why did they steal the sails?
3. What members of the Princess Galley's crew did George Lowther want?
4. What motivated some other members of the Princess Galley's crew to decide to join the pirates?
5. As the grappling hooks bound the two ships together, what do you think Captain Wickstead was thinking?

4. Henry Avery: The Short and Successful Career of a Pirate

C. Recalling Information to Remember

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What three interesting facts would you like to remember about Henry Avery's short pirate career?

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What do you remember?

1. List the events in sequence:
 - a. Henry Avery and his crew scattered across the world.
 - b. The Gunsway is badly damaged.
 - c. Enough is enough for Henry; he decides to take control of The Charles.
 - d. After two hours of desperate fighting, Avery's crew win the battle.
 - e. Henry Avery now has six ships under his command.
 - f. They find a fortune; the crew are rich.

2. What had convinced Henry Avery to become a pirate?

3. Who did privateers work for and what did they do?

4. What happened to The Gunsway that made it easier for Henry Avery to win control of the ship?

5. What did Henry Avery know about the ships that sailed between India and Mecca?

5. Pirate Fashion – Madagascar, 1698

C. Recalling Information to Remember

What three interesting facts would you like to remember about pirate fashion?

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D. Comprehension Check Page

What do you remember?

1. Tick all the correct sentences.
 - Pirates liked to wear dull clothing for camouflage.
 - Pirates wore gold and precious gems stolen from Spanish ships.
 - Pirates kept parrots because they could often sell them in ports around the world.
 - Pirates wore eye patches to disguise themselves.
 - Madagascar was a haven for pirates; they were safe there.
2. What brightly coloured fabric did pirates use for their clothing and where did they get it from?
3. Why was it important for pirates to look bold and ferocious?
4. Why did pirate clothing have to be loose fitting?
5. How did pirates need to dress for battle and what did they wear to help them in fights?

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