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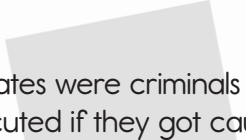

■ Curriculum Readers: 800 - 1300 Total Words

Pirates

1. Pirate Rules and Captain John Phillips

E. Sharing Your Opinion

Choose one sentence beginning and note the main point you would make to support your view.

1. In my opinion, the sentence, 'John Phillips had lived by and died by the rules of a pirate', is a good summary of his pirate life because...

2. In my opinion, the rules that Captain Phillips wrote were designed to keep his crew safe because...

3. In my opinion, all pirates were criminals and therefore they deserved to be executed if they got caught...


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F. Speculating and Contemplating

There are no right or wrong answers, but, based on what you have learned from reading about Captain John Phillips and about pirate rules, choose 1–2 questions and note your ideas.

1. What do you think about the pirate rules — fair or unfair?
2. If you were a pirate captain, what would be your most important rule?
3. What different actions do you think Captain Phillips could have done which may have saved his life?

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

E. Sharing Your Opinion

Choose one sentence beginning and note the main point you would make to support your view.

1. In my opinion, Sam Bellamy's death at such an early age is...
2. Pros and cons: If I were one of Sam's crew members, I would enjoy (or not enjoy) working for him because...
3. In my opinion, pirates were _____ because...

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There are no right or wrong answers, but, based on what you have learned from reading about Sam Bellamy, choose 1–2 questions and note your ideas.

1. If you were making a movie about Sam Bellamy's life, would you make it a comedy, a tragedy or an action movie?
2. If you were a pirate and had 'made' as much money as Sam, what would you have done after your first successful year?
3. What do you think attracted young people like Sam to become pirates?
4. What would be different about pirate battles at sea at the time that Sam lived and battles at sea with modern navy ships?

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3. Captain Wickstead Meets George Lowther

E. Sharing Your Opinion

Choose one sentence beginning and note the main point you would make to support your view.

1. Winners, losers, or both? In your opinion, who do you think won and who do you think lost in this dangerous meeting on the sea?
2. When I read about pirates capturing ships that were carrying slaves, it makes me think that...
3. In my opinion, the most interesting thing that I read about George Lowther raiding Captain Wickstead's ship was _____ because...

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F. Speculating and Contemplating

There are no right or wrong answers, but, based on what you have learned from reading about George Lowther and Captain Wickstead, choose 1–2 questions and note your ideas.

1. If a big ship were raided today, what would be the main differences in a 21st-century raid and George Lowther's raid?
2. Why do you think George Lowther wanted the medicine chest and a ship's surgeon?
3. Why do you think the food was all stored in barrels?
4. If Captain Wickstead and his crew had been killed or captured, how do you think his wife and family would have found out?

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

E. Sharing Your Opinion

Choose one sentence beginning and note the main point you would make to support your view.

1. In my opinion, Henry Avery's career shows that becoming a pirate was a good decision for some people because...
2. I think if I had met Henry Avery, I would have _____ him because...
3. Henry Avery seemed to make smart plans and smart choices. Do you think he can be admired for making smart choices even though he was a pirate who stole from people?

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F. Speculating and Contemplating

There are no right or wrong answers, but, based on what you have learned from reading about Henry Avery, choose 1–2 questions and note your ideas.

1. Pirates wanted to steal from ships, not sink them at sea. What sort of battle plans and what sort of fighting would they need to prepare for in order to take over a ship but not destroy it?
2. Making a fortune is the best part of a pirate's life. What do you think would be the worst part?
3. Why do think so many pirates were known by two or three different names?

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5. Pirate Fashion – Madagascar, 1698

E. Sharing Your Opinion

Choose one sentence beginning and note the main point you would make to support your view.

1. In my opinion, pirate fashion is...
2. The interesting thing about pirate fashion is...
3. Does the look cover up the crime? Do you think it is all right to admire or like the clothing and the fashion that pirates created even though they were criminals who stole all their goods?

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F. Speculating and Contemplating

There are no right or wrong answers, but, based on what you have learned from reading about pirate fashion, choose 1–2 questions and note your ideas.

1. Why do you think pirates would have been chased by the navy?
2. How do you think pirates would have kept places like Fort Dauphin safe for themselves and other pirates and kept the navy out?
3. What other groups of people have made a distinctive fashion look for themselves?

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