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# Research Projects Comprehension Activities



■ Curriculum Readers: 800 - 1300 Total Words

## Pirates

# 1. Marooned!

# G. Reading for Research

Personal Achievement Goal: to show that I can ask good questions to find out more information.

What topic would you like to know more about?

<b>Famous mutinies</b>	<b>Surviving on an island</b>	<b>Famous stories about being marooned</b>	<b>Making a raft</b>
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Choose one topic. List the questions you'd like to ask:

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## H. Projects With My Friends

1. We told three people about the marooning of Captain Greenaway and his crew and asked them what they thought of this true story; they said...
2. We drew up a survival plan in case we should ever get marooned.
3. We asked three people what would be the main thing that they would fear and the main thing that they would (quite) like about living alone on an island, and what they told us was...

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## 2. What's for Dinner? Salmagundi!

# G. Reading for Research

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What topic would you like to know more about?

<b>Salted food</b>	<b>Keeping clean on sailing ships</b>	<b>Ship's biscuits</b>	<b>Scurvy</b>
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Choose one topic. List the questions you'd like to ask:

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1. We told three people about the ingredients in salmagundi and what they said was...
2. We asked three people what they thought salmagundi was and what we found out was...
3. We pretended we were diet experts and have been asked by a pirate crew to help them make their diet more healthy. We told them to...
4. We decided we would go into business with a great new food product called salmagundi. Our first job was to make an advert for our delicious new health food.

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# 3. Stand and Fight



# G. Reading for Research

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What topic would you like to know more about?

**Different types of cannon**

**The size of sailing ships were**

**The reason soldiers were going to India in 1686**

**How ships found each other without radar**

Choose one topic. List the questions you'd like to ask:

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1. List the events in sequence:
  - a. The gunpowder on the Bauden's deck explodes.
  - b. Captain Cribb yells "Fight on!"
  - c. Chains are lashed around the sails.
  - d. Captain Cribb sees a ship approaching.
  - e. The pirates fire their pistols at the Bauden's crew.
  - f. The pirates cut their ship free and sail away.
  
2. A 'fatal error' and 'fatally injured': what does the word 'fatal' mean?
  
3. What did grapeshot cannonballs do?
  
4. List three of the things that Captain Cribb did to his ship to defend it from the pirate attack.
  
5. How did the battle end?

## **4. Captain Taylor and the Greatest Pirate Raid in History**

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What topic would you like to know more about?

<b>Silk</b>	<b>Spices from India</b>	<b>Where diamonds are found</b>	<b>Madagascar</b>
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Choose one topic. List the questions you'd like to ask:

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# H. Quiz With My Friends

What do you remember?

1. What made this raid the greatest raid in pirate history?
2. What sort of cargo did ships in the Indian Ocean carry?
3. How had Captain Taylor managed to get his ships so close to the Count's ship before the Count realised they were pirates?
4. What were the reasons for the Count being saved by the pirates?
5. What happened to the pirate crew after this raid?

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## **5. An Afternoon at Sea**

# G. Reading for Research

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What topic would you like to know more about?

<b>How the sea was navigated 200 years ago</b>	<b>How cannonballs are made</b>	<b>Why teeth can be rotten</b>	<b>Ships' music: sea shanties</b>
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Choose one topic. List the questions you'd like to ask:

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## H. Projects With My Friends

1. We asked three people what they thought pirates would be doing when they weren't raiding ships and what we found out was...
2. We told people about jobs that pirate crew members could have and asked which job they would have liked to have; they said...
3. We pretended we were a film crew who were interviewing pirates on board their ship during a 'downtime' and asked them...

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