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Remembering Details

Comprehension Activities



■ Challenge Readers: 300 - 600 Total Words

Pirates

1. Marooned!

C. Recalling Information to Remember

What are three interesting facts that you would like to remember about Captain Greenaway and being marooned?

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D. Comprehension Check Page

What do you remember?

1. List the events in sequence:
 - a. Months later, the men are rescued from the island.
 - b. There is a mutiny on the ship.
 - c. The pirates force Greenaway to sail with them.
 - d. Greenaway and his loyal crew are marooned.
 - e. The pirates take the marooned men to a ship offshore.
 - f. Captain Greenaway swims to the island.
 - g. The pirates destroy the ship.
2. What did it mean to be marooned?
3. How did Captain Greenaway save his loyal crew members?
4. What did the crew find in the ship and what did Greenaway do with it?
5. How did the pirates trick the men on the island and what did they do as soon as the men stepped forward?

2. What's for Dinner? Salmagundi!

C. Recalling Information to Remember

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What are three interesting facts that you would like to remember about pirate food and salmagundi?

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What do you remember?

1. These are the ingredients that we have for our salmagundi recipe: pickled eggs, fish, chicken, mango, palm leaves, turtle, bacon, herrings, and spiced wine.
What ingredients do we still have to get?
2. What causes scurvy and what happens if crew members get scurvy?
3. Why do you think the captain decided not to keep the oven on the ship?
4. What did the quartermaster take from the merchant ship?
5. Why was the pirate cook not complaining about being a cook?

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3. Stand and Fight

C. Recalling Information to Remember

What are three interesting facts that you would like to remember about Captain Cribb's battle with the pirates?

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What do you remember?

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

C. Recalling Information to Remember

What are three interesting facts that you would like to remember about Captain Taylor's raid?

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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

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What are three interesting facts that you would like to remember about life on a pirate ship?

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What do you remember?

1. Tick the correct statements:
 - a. Pirate navigators used the stars to figure out where the ship was.
 - b. All pirate crew had bedrooms below deck.
 - c. Musicians played music to help the crew do heavy work.
 - d. A cooper made curtains for the cabins.
 - e. Pirate crews always had dentists and doctors.

2. What did the powder monkeys used to do before they joined the pirate ship?

3. What do powder monkeys do when the priates are fighting and why do they need to be small and able to run fast?

4. A carpenter repairs the ship. What other jobs does he do?

5. What can a sailmaker do that is useful for a pirate crew?