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Topic Thinking Skills

Comprehension Activities



■ Challenge Readers: 300 - 600 Total Words

Pirates

1. Marooned!

E. Sharing Your Opinion

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

1. In my opinion, Captain Greenaway is heroic because...

2. The amazing thing about Captain Greenaway and his crew was...

3. I think the punishment of being marooned is _____ 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 Captain Greenaway and his crew who were marooned, choose 1–2 questions and note your ideas.

1. What do you think was the main thing that helped this crew to survive?
2. If you had to survive on an island, what would be the first thing that you would want to get so that you could survive?
3. Having food and water is essential, but do you think being positive and remaining hopeful also helps? In what ways?
4. What do you think were some of the reasons that the pirates returned with a ship, and later with food and knives?

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2. What's for Dinner? Salmagundi!

E. Sharing Your Opinion

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

1. Good diet? Terrible diet? I think that pirates had a _____ diet because...

2. The thing that I think is most interesting about pirates' diet is...

3. If I had to eat what pirates ate I would _____ 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 pirates' diet and salmagundi, choose 1–2 questions and note your ideas.

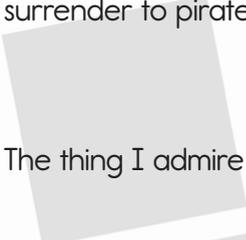
1. What do you think are the main types of food that pirates did not have in their diet?
2. How do you think people got information and learned about healthy diets at the time that pirates sailed?
3. What do you think the reason was for so much food to be salted?

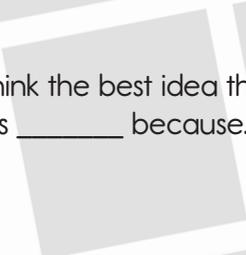
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3. Stand and Fight

E. Sharing Your Opinion

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

1. In my opinion, it would be more sensible to surrender/not surrender to pirates because...

2. The thing I admire about Captain Cribb's decision to fight is...

3. I think the best idea that Captain Cribb had to defend his 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 Captain Cribb, choose 1–2 questions and note your ideas.

1. What do you think motivated Captain Cribb to defend his ship?
2. What do you think would have made a lot of ships' crews decide to surrender to pirates?
3. What help do you think was available for any crew members who had been wounded?

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4. Captain Taylor and the Greatest Pirate Raid in History

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 Count deserved to be saved because...
2. I think the fact that these pirates were pardoned is...
3. When I read that the Count was the only man prepared to fight, it makes me feel _____ 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 the greatest raid in pirate history, choose 1–2 questions and note your ideas.

1. What do you think the Count could have done to get his rich cargo back after the pirates had stolen it?
2. What do you think the pirates would have spent their money on?
3. How do you think the Count would have owned so many diamonds?

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5. An Afternoon at Sea

E. Sharing Your Opinion

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

1. When I read how boring life on a pirate ship could be, I now think that being a pirate was...
2. Although life on board a pirate ship sounds boring, I think pirates would still have been motivated to be pirates because...
3. If I were a pirate, I think the job that I would like the most would be _____ 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 the duller times of being a pirate, choose 1–2 questions and note your ideas.

1. Why do you think it would have been common for pirates to have rotten teeth?
2. What do you know about the trade in elephant tusks in the present time?
3. It's hot, it's crowded, people are bored and hungry: what do you think would be the challenge for a pirate captain in times like this?

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