



Let's learn about
famous pirates!



Famous pirates



- There are quite a few famous pirates that we can learn about.
- Today we will learn about 2 of these famous pirates!
- These pirates both lived around 300 years ago.



Have you heard of Blackbeard?

- Blackbeard is probably the most famous of all pirates.
- He grew his beard down to his waist and even put lighted fuses in the ends of his hair to scare his enemies!



Was he a kind captain?

- No!
- Blackbeard once robbed his own crew!
- His ship ran aground in 1718 so Blackbeard loaded the treasure into a small boat and rowed off. He promised to return for his crew but he never went back for them!

- Aground: Stuck in the sand.
- Crew: The gang of pirates that worked for Blackbeard.

Interesting fact!

Did you know that Blackbeard's favourite drink was Rum mixed with gunpowder!



Wanted man!

- Pirates were such a problem in the 1700s that large rewards were offered to anyone who could catch them.
- If you caught a pirate you could expect a reward of up to £15.
- If you caught a pirate captain like Blackbeard you could get as much as £40!

How long do you think Blackbeard was a pirate captain for?

- A long time?
- No! Blackbeard was only a pirate captain for 2 years.
- He was eventually caught and killed by the Royal Navy in a battle off the coast of North America.



Were there any girl pirates?

- Yes!
- It was very rare for a woman to become a pirate but there were a few.
- Anne Bonny is one of the most famous.



Here is Anne Bonny with another female pirate called Mary Read.

Anne Bonny

- Anne came from Ireland and travelled with her father to North America in the 1700s.
- They wanted to start a new life there.





Anne runs away



- When Anne was 16 she ran away with a pirate to live in the Bahamas.
- She lived amongst pirates and it was there that she met a pirate called Calico Jack.



- She persuaded him to let her join his crew and he was so impressed by her fighting skills that he agreed.
- Anne was very good at fighting and always dressed in men's clothes because they were easier to fight in!

We have been learning about 2 famous pirates!

Blackbeard

How long ago did Blackbeard live?

300
years

What did Blackbeard put in his hair to scare his enemies?

Lit fuses!

How long was Blackbeard a pirate captain for?

2 years!

Anne Bonny

Where did Anne Bonny come from?

Ireland

How old was Anne when she ran away from home?

16 years old

Which pirate captain agreed to let her be a pirate on his ship?

Calico Jack