

### Number the Events

A pirate is defined as a person who commits robbery or criminal violence at sea. It may surprise you to know, that pirates have been around for considerably longer than you think. There is evidence of piracy dating as far back as the ancient Greeks, with Julius Caesar himself having been kidnapped by pirates in 75 BC. It could also be argued that the Vikings were pirates too. More surprisingly though, is the fact that pirates are still around today, although they dress differently and no longer drink grog or say “arrr”!

Blackbeard is probably one of the most notorious pirates of all time. Edward Teach (his real name) was born in Bristol, England in 1680. As his nickname suggests, Teach had a remarkably large black beard that he would twist into sections and tie ribbons around. He was a feared pirate and to make himself look even more fearsome, he would light fuses and place them on his hat. The resulting smoke and sparks would scare people into giving up their loot. This meant that, very often, he didn't even have to fight in order to win his ill-gotten gains. Blackbeard was killed in an epic sword fight with a naval officer in 1718.

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Many pirate ships flew a flag called the Jolly Roger. The skull and crossbones design was the most commonly used design during the 1720s. The ominous flag was flown as a sign that the pirates were about to attack and that no mercy would be given. It was a sign of terror on the high seas. Most people would surrender as soon as they saw the flag being hoisted, without even putting up a fight. Other designs were used by different pirates. Most were on a black or red background. Blackbeard's flag showed a horned skeleton holding an hourglass and a spear that pointed towards a bloodied heart. A sail-makers widow in The Bahamas would make pirate flags for the price of a bottle of brandy!

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