

Famous Pirates



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Famous Pirates Instructions, do not print for booklet.

Look up some famous pirates. I have written some in already and there are blank pages towards the end that can be printed out multiple times.

Write the name of the pirate on the top line and some interesting facts about them on the lines at the bottom. There is also room for the child to draw a picture of the pirate, their ship or their flag.

The next two pages are information about some of the pirates that may be able to help the students they are writing their facts about the pirates.

Print out as many pages as you need and staple together as a booklet when finished.

The children could also made a cover for their Famous Pirate book if they choose to.

Notes About the Famous Pirates

- I"Ollonois was one of the cruelest pirates that sailed the Spanish Main. He was hacked into pieces by islanders and roasted over a fire. He beheaded many Spaniards, tortured and butchered men and women. It is said that he sliced open a woman's chest while she was still alive, cut out her heart and ate it while it was still beating.
- Captain Kidd was a Scottish sea captain. He was started out as a good guy, capturing the pirates until he had a fight with his crew. After killing one of his crew, he changed and became a pirate. After succeeding in capturing the Quedagh Merchant, a giant treasure ship, he was captured and sentenced to die by hanging.
- Edward Teach, otherwise known as Blackbeard, tied smoking fuses to his hair to scare victims. He is the most famous pirate in history. Not much is known about his life, but it is said that he got the name Blackbeard because of his long, black beard that he wore in braids. He was always ready for battle having many pistols strapped to his chest. He was only a pirate for about 2 years, but he attacked many ships and killed many people. He was killed in a battle in 1718. It is said that he was hit with 5 pistol balls and had 20 cutlass wounds before he died. To warn other pirates, his head was chopped off and placed on the front of his ship.
- Anne Bonny was one of the two most famous female pirates who both fought on the pirate ship called Revenge. She married a pirate named James Bonny, but realized that he only wanted her father's money. She then ran away with Calico Jack Rackham, dressed as a man and became a pirate. In 1720, the Revenge ship was captured and she was supposed to be hanged, but disappeared from prison. It is believed her father bought her freedom.
- Bartholomew Roberts, also known as Black Bart, was known to be a handsome dresser. He wore a fancy jacket and a gold chain around his neck with a large diamond cross hanging from it. Gambling and swearing were not allowed on his ship and all those aboard had to attend regular church services. It is said that he captured over 400 ships in 3 years. He was killed in a battle in 1722 and thrown overboard still dressed in his fancy clothes.

Notes About the Famous Pirates

- Henry Morgan is said to be the most successful pirate. He lived in Jamaica and worked as a colonel for a famous Governor, but he was not happy, so he decided to become a pirate. He and his crew attacked the Puerto Principe and stole over 250,000 pieces of silver, jewels and other goods. He also captured a rich city called Panama. He was caught in 1672 and was sent to England for trial. He escaped from prison and returned to Jamaica and became a very rich planter until he died in 1688.
- Mary Reed was the other famous female pirate. She worked with Anne Bonny and Calico Jack Rackham. Mary was born in London, England and spent most of her life dressed as a man. She was travelling on a ship when it was captured by Jack Rackham. She then joined his crew. She was captured in 1720 and was sentenced to trial. She died of a fever in prison.
- Calico Jack Rackham was an English pirate. He was not a very successful pirate, but is remembered mostly due to the two women pirates that served under him. He earned the nickname Calico Jack because of his taste of brightly-coloured Indian clothes. He was captured, tried and hanged in 1720.
- Sir Francis Drake was an explorer and the first Englishman to sail around the world. He was also a privateer, plundering Spanish ships for food and treasure.
- Henry Every led a fleet of pirate ships in an attack on the Grand Moghul of India's flagship, the Gang-i-Sawai. The ship was laden with gold and jewels. The pirates shared their loot and most received as much money as they could have earned in their whole lifetime.

**Francois L'Ollonais
(Jean-David Nau)**

1635-1668

Captain Kidd (William Kidd)

1654 – 23rd May 1701

Blackbeard

1680 – 22 November 1718

Bartholomew Roberts (Black Bart)

17 May 1682 – 10 February 1722

Henry Morgan

1635-1688

Mary Read

1691-1721

Calico Jack Rackham

26 December 1682 – 18 November 1720

Anne Bonny

8 March 1702 – 22 April 1782

Henry Every

1653-1699

Sir Francis Drake

1540-1596

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