

Number the Events

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Captain Finnigan was a pirate – a very bad pirate. He was always on the lookout for treasure to steal. One day, through his telescope, he spotted a ship on the horizon. Could it be carrying treasure? There was only one way to find out. He ordered his crew to man the rigging and they set off in pursuit. In no time at all, they were bearing down upon their prey. Captain Finnigan ordered the men to hoist the Jolly Roger as a sign that they were about to attack. The pirates drew alongside the ship and Captain Finnigan shouted across, “Give up ye treasure and I might let ya live!” There was no answer. In fact, there was no one there. Captain Finnigan smiled. Taking treasure from this boat would be a piece of cake.

- Number the following events from 1 to 4 to show the order that they happened in the text.

In no time at all, they were bearing down on their prey.

The ship looked abandoned.

He was always on the lookout for treasure to steal.

There was no answer.

He used a rope to swing across to the empty vessel. His sword was in his hand, as always, in readiness to fight. However, no one was there. The captain was puzzled. Who was sailing the ship? Where were the crew? An uneasy feeling crept over him. He decided to go below deck to investigate further. He walked cautiously down the steps and into the darkness below. The captain could just make out a soft yellow glow in front of him. Treasure! Greedily, he rushed towards it, only to be scooped quite unexpectedly into the air. He was now tangled in a net that was being suspended from the ceiling. He couldn't move – he was trapped!

- Number the following events from 1 to 4 to show the order that they happened in the text.

The captain could just make out a soft yellow glow...

The captain was puzzled.

He couldn't move – he was trapped.

An uneasy feeling crept over him.

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How to Make a Treasure Map

Tales of pirates and buried treasure have been told throughout the ages, yet there is very little evidence to suggest that this happened as often as we imagined. However, there was one pirate, named Captain William Kidd, who was forced to hide his treasure before being arrested. Whilst trying to clear his name, his hidden treasure was tracked down and confiscated. Kidd was found guilty of being a pirate and hanged for his crimes.

- Number the following events from 1 to 4 to show the order that they happened in the text.

Kidd was found guilty and hanged.

Captain Kidd was forced to hide his treasure.

Kidd's treasure was found and confiscated.

Pirates didn't bury their treasure as often as we thought.

Equipment: paper, cold tea, felt-tip pens, ruler and string

Method:

1. Rip the edges off a piece of paper using your fingers.
2. Next, pour cold tea all over the paper and leave it to dry.
3. Draw the outline of an island on it and include a compass point in one corner.
4. Then, use a ruler to draw a grid on your paper. Label each axis.
5. Add other things to your map e.g. paths, rivers, caves and palm trees.
6. X marks the spot! Draw a big cross to show where the treasure is buried.
7. Screw the map into a ball then flatten it out again.
8. Lastly, roll your treasure map up and tie a piece of string around it.

- Number the following events from 1 to 4 to show the order that they happened in the text.

Draw a big cross to show where the treasure is buried.

Draw the outline of an island.

Roll your treasure map up and tie string around it.

Use a ruler to draw a grid on your paper.

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A pirate is a person who commits a crime at sea. It may surprise you to know, that pirates have been around for a lot longer than you think. There is evidence of piracy dating as far back as the ancient Greeks. 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 one of the most famous pirates of all time. His real name was Edward Teach and he was born in Bristol, England. As his nickname suggests, Teach had a large black beard that he would twist into sections and tie ribbons around. To make himself look fearsome, he would light fuses and place them on his hat. The resulting smoke and sparks would scare people into giving up their loot.

- Number the following events from 1 to 4 to show the order that they appear in the text.

Pirates have been around for longer than you think.

A pirate is a person who commits a crime at sea.

He would light fuses and place them on his hat.

Blackbeard is one of the most famous pirates of all time.

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 flag was flown as a sign that the pirates were about to attack. 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.

- Number the following events from 1 to 4 to show the order that they appear in the text.

Most were on a black or red background.

The skull and crossbones was used during the 1720s.

Many pirate ships flew a flag called the Jolly Roger.

Other designs were used by different pirates.

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In no time at all, they were bearing down on their prey.

2

The ship looked abandoned.

4

He was always on the lookout for treasure to steal.

1

There was no answer.

3

The captain could just make out a soft yellow glow...

3

The captain was puzzled.

1

He couldn't move – he was trapped.

4

An uneasy feeling crept over him.

2

Kidd was found guilty and hanged.

4

Captain Kidd was forced to hide his treasure.

2

Kidd's treasure was found and confiscated.

3

Pirates didn't bury their treasure as often as we thought.

1

Draw a big cross to show where the treasure is buried.

3

Draw the outline of an island.

1

Roll your treasure map up and tie string around it.

4

Use a ruler to draw a grid on your paper.

2

Pirates have been around for longer than you think.

2

A pirate is a person who commits a crime at sea.

1

He would light fuses and place them on his hat.

4

Blackbeard is one of the most famous pirates of all time.

3

Most were on a black or red background.

4

The skull and crossbones was used during the 1720s.

2

Many pirate ships flew a flag called the Jolly Roger.

1

Other designs were used by different pirates.

3

Number the Events

Captain Finnigan was a pirate – a very bad pirate. He was constantly on the lookout for treasure to steal. One day, through his telescope, he spied a grand looking ship on the horizon. Could it be carrying treasure? There was only one way to find out. He ordered his crew to man the rigging and they set off in pursuit. With the wind in their sails, they made good speed and were soon bearing down upon their prey. Captain Finnigan ordered the men to hoist the Jolly Roger as a sign that they were about to attack. The pirates drew alongside the ship and Captain Finnigan shouted across, “Give up ye treasure and I might show ya some mercy!” There was no reply. In fact, there was no one there. The ship looked abandoned. Captain Finnigan smiled confidently. Taking treasure from this boat would be a piece of cake.

- Number the following events from 1 to 5 to show the order that they happened in the text.

He spied a grand looking ship on the horizon.

The ship looked abandoned.

Taking treasure from this boat would be a piece of cake.

He was constantly on the lookout for treasure to steal.

With the wind in their sail, they made good speed.

He used a rope to swing skilfully across to the empty vessel. His sword was in his hand, as always, in readiness to fight. However, no one was there. The captain was puzzled. Who was sailing the ship? Where were the crew? An uneasy feeling crept over him. He decided to go below deck to investigate further. He walked cautiously down the steps and into the darkness below. The captain could just make out a soft yellow glow in front of him. Treasure! Greedily, he rushed towards it, only to be scooped quite unexpectedly into the air. He was now tangled in a net that was being suspended from the ceiling. He couldn't move – he was trapped! Silently, he cursed his own foolishness.

- Number the following events from 1 to 5 to show the order that they happened in the text.

The captain perceived a soft yellow glow in front of him.

He couldn't move – he was trapped!

However, no one was there.

Greedily, he rushed towards it.

His sword was grasped within his hand.

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How to Make a Treasure Map

Tales of pirates and buried treasure have been told throughout the ages, yet there is very little evidence to suggest that this happened as often as we imagined. However, records show that there was one pirate, named Captain William Kidd, who was forced to hide his treasure before being arrested. Whilst trying to clear his name, some of his hidden treasure was discovered and confiscated. Kidd was found guilty of piracy and hanged for his crimes. It is said that people still hunt for his treasure today.

- Number the following events from 1 to 5 to show the order that they happened in the text.

Some of his treasure was discovered and confiscated.

It is said that people still hunt for his treasure today.

Tales of buried treasure have been told throughout the ages.

Kidd was found guilty of piracy and hanged for his crimes.

Captain William Kidd was forced to hide his treasure.

Equipment: paper, cold tea, felt-tip pens, ruler and string

Method:

1. Using your fingers, rip the edges off a piece of paper.
2. Next, pour cold tea all over the paper and leave it to dry.
3. Draw the outline of an island on it and include a compass point in one corner.
4. Then, use a ruler to draw a grid on your paper. Label each axis.
5. Add other things to your map e.g. beaches, paths, rivers, caves and palm trees.
6. X marks the spot! Draw a big cross to show where the treasure is buried.
7. Screw the map into a ball then flatten it out again.
8. Lastly, roll your treasure map up and tie a piece of string around it.

Congratulations! Your map is now complete.

- Number the following events from 1 to 5 to show the order that they happened in the text.

Pour cold tea all over the paper and leave to dry.

Roll your treasure map up and tie a piece of string around it.

Use a ruler to draw a grid on your paper.

Rip the edges off a piece of paper.

Draw a big cross to show where the treasure is buried.

Number the Events

A pirate is described 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 one of the most famous pirates of all time. His real name was Edward Teach and he was born in Bristol, England. As his nickname suggests, Teach had a large black beard that he would twist into sections and tie ribbons around. To make himself look fearsome, he would light fuses and place them on his hat. The resulting smoke and sparks would scare people into giving up their loot.

- Number the following events from 1 to 5 to show the order that they appear in the text.

He would light fuses and place them on his hat.

Julius Caesar was kidnapped by pirates in 75 BC.

His real name was Edward Teach and he was born in Bristol.

It could also be argued that the Vikings were pirates too.

Pirates have been around for longer than you think.

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 flag was flown as a sign that the pirates were about to attack and that no mercy would be given. 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.

- Number the following events from 1 to 5 to show the order that they appear in the text.

Other designs were used by different pirates.

Blackbeard’s flag showed a horned skeleton.

Most were on a black or red background.

The skull and crossbones design was used during the 1720s.

Most people would surrender as soon as they saw the flag.

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He spied a grand looking ship on the horizon.

2

The ship looked abandoned.

4

Taking treasure from this boat would be a piece of cake.

5

He was constantly on the lookout for treasure to steal.

1

With the wind in their sail, they made good speed.

3

The captain perceived a soft yellow glow in front of him.

3

He couldn't move – he was trapped!

5

However, no one was there.

2

Greedily, he rushed towards it.

4

His sword was grasped within his hand.

1

Some of his treasure was discovered and confiscated.

3

It is said that people still hunt for his treasure today.

5

Tales of buried treasure have been told throughout the ages.

1

Kidd was found guilty of piracy and hanged for his crimes.

4

Captain William Kidd was forced to hide his treasure.

2

Pour cold tea all over the paper and leave to dry.

2

Roll your treasure map up and tie a piece of string around it.

5

Use a ruler to draw a grid on your paper.

3

Rip the edges off a piece of paper.

1

Draw a big cross to show where the treasure is buried.

4

Number the Events

He would light fuses and place them on his hat.

5

Julius Caesar was kidnapped by pirates in 75 BC.

2

His real name was Edward Teach and he was born in Bristol.

4

It could also be argued that the Vikings were pirates too.

3

Pirates have been around for longer than you think.

1

Other designs were used by different pirates.

3

Blackbeard's flag showed a horned skeleton.

5

Most were on a black or red background.

4

The skull and crossbones design was used during the 1720s.

1

Most people would surrender as soon as they saw the flag.

2

Number the Events

Captain Finnigan was a pirate; a very bad pirate. Relentlessly, he searched for treasure to pilfer. One day, through his telescope, he spied a splendid looking ship on the horizon. 'Could it be carrying treasure?' he wondered. There was only one way to find out. He ordered his crew to man the rigging and they set off in pursuit. With the wind in their sails, they made good speed and were soon bearing down upon their prey. Captain Finnigan ordered the men to hoist the Jolly Roger as a sign that they were about to attack; there would be no mercy here. The pirates drew alongside the ship and Captain Finnigan bellowed across, "Give up ye treasure and I might show ya some mercy!" This was a lie of course, as he was a very bad pirate after all. There was no reply. In fact, there was no one there. The ship looked abandoned. Captain Finnigan smiled smugly. Taking treasure from this boat would be a piece of cake.

- Number the following events from 1 to 6 to show the order that they happened in the text.

There would be no mercy here.

The ship looked abandoned.

'Could it be carrying treasure?' he wondered.

This was a lie of course, as he was a very bad pirate after all.

Relentlessly, he searched for treasure to pilfer.

With the wind in their sails, they made good speed.

He used a rope to swing skilfully across to the empty vessel (an action he had performed many times before). His sword was grasped within his hand, as always, in readiness to fight. However, no one was there. The captain was perplexed. Who was sailing the ship? Where were the crew? An uneasy feeling crept over him. He decided to go below deck to investigate further. He walked cautiously down the steps and into the eerie darkness below. The captain perceived a soft yellow glow in front of him. Treasure! Greedily, he rushed towards it, only to be scooped quite unexpectedly into the air. He was now tangled awkwardly in a net that was being suspended from the ceiling. He couldn't move – he was trapped! Silently, he cursed his own foolishness.

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He couldn't move – he was trapped!

However, no one was there.

Greedily, he rushed towards it.

His sword was grasped within his hand.

An uneasy feeling crept over him.

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How to Make a Treasure Map

Thrilling tales of pirates and buried treasure have been told throughout the ages, yet there is very little evidence to suggest that this occurred as often as we imagined. However, records show that there was one pirate, named Captain William Kidd, who was forced to hide his treasure before being arrested. He had planned to use his vast wealth to bargain his way out of prison. Whilst trying to clear his name, some of his hidden treasure was discovered and confiscated by the authorities. Despite his attempts to buy himself out of prison, Kidd was found guilty of piracy and hanged for his crimes. It is said that people still hunt for his treasure today.

- Number the following events from 1 to 6 to show the order that they happened in the text.

Kidd was found guilty of piracy and hanged for his crimes.

Tales of buried treasure have been told throughout the ages.

He planned to use his wealth to bargain his way out of prison.

People still hunt for his treasure today.

Whilst trying to clear his name, his treasure was discovered.

Captain William Kidd was forced to hide his treasure.

Equipment: paper, cold tea, felt-tip pens, ruler and string

Method:

1. Using your fingers, rip the edges roughly off a piece of paper.
2. Next, pour strong, cold tea all over the paper and leave it to dry.
3. Draw the outline of an island on it and include a compass point in one corner.
4. Then, use a ruler to draw a grid on your paper. Label each axis.
5. Add other things to your map e.g. beaches, paths, rivers, caves and palm trees. Be creative!
6. X marks the spot! Draw a big cross to show where the treasure is buried.
7. Screw the map into a ball then flatten it out again.
8. Lastly, roll your treasure map up and tie a piece of string around it.

Congratulations! Your map is now complete.

Top tip – Use greaseproof paper if you don't have time to stain a white piece of paper.

- Number the following events from 1 to 6 to show the order that they happened in the text.

Your map is now complete.

Include a compass point in one corner.

Draw a big cross to show where the treasure is buried.

Rip the edges roughly off a piece of paper.

Be creative!

Label each axis.

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 one of the most famous pirates of all time. His real name was Edward Teach and he was born in Bristol, England. As his nickname suggests, Teach had a 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.

- Number the following events from 1 to 6 to show the order that they appear in the text.

- His real name was Edward Teach and he was born in Bristol.
- Evidence of piracy dates back to the ancient Greeks.
- The resulting smoke and sparks would scare people.
- A pirate is a person who commits robbery or violence at sea.
- The Vikings were pirates too.
- He would light fuses and place them on his hat.

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 flag was flown as a sign that the pirates were about to attack and that no mercy would be given. 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!

- Number the following events from 1 to 6 to show the order that they appear in the text.

- The skull and cross bones was commonly used during the 1720s.
- Blackbeard's flag was a horned skeleton.
- Other designs were used by different pirates.
- Most people would surrender as soon as they saw the flag.
- A sail-makers widow would make pirate flags for brandy.
- Many pirate ships flew a flag called the Jolly Roger.

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Dear Martha,

Unfortunately, I'm having to write to you with desperate news. It appears that my pirate days are finally at an end. Last week, our ship was boarded by the Royal Navy and they discovered the cargo we had stolen several days earlier. A short battle commenced but we were dreadfully outnumbered. Some of the crew were killed as a result. There were too many soldiers; we had to surrender. The rest of the surviving crew and I have been placed under lock and key. The conditions here are appalling. We are given very little food and water and there are too many men in one cell. This makes for a very hot and smelly environment.

- Number the following events from 1 to 6 to show the order that they appear in the text.

This makes for a very hot and smelly environment.

It appears my pirate days are finally at an end.

The conditions here are appalling.

Last week, our ship was boarded by the Royal Navy.

There were too many soldiers; we had to surrender.

A short battle commenced but we were dreadfully outnumbered.

I have not seen Mad Beard since he was marched away on that fateful day. We fear that they will hang him. We fear that they will hang us all! No mention has been made of a fair trial. I am regretting the day that I become a pirate. I believed it to be an easy way to make money for you and the family. I have a feeling that I will never see you again my dearest Martha. I believe that this is why we have been permitted to write just one letter home. However, all is not lost, my dear. We are living in hope that Mad Beard has found some ingenious way to escape. He is perhaps, even at this very moment, plotting some cunning plan to free us all! I have my fingers crossed.

All my love, Tom xxx

- Number the following events from 1 to 6 to show the order that they appear in the text.

I have a feeling that I will never see you again.

No mention has been made of a fair trial.

We live in hope that Mad Beard has escaped.

We fear that they will hang him.

I have my fingers crossed.

All is not lost, my dear.

Number the Events

There would be no mercy here.

4

The ship looked abandoned.

6

'Could it be carrying treasure?' he wondered.

2

This was a lie of course, as he was a very bad pirate after all.

5

Relentlessly, he searched for treasure to pilfer.

1

With the wind in their sails, they made good speed.

3

The captain perceived a soft yellow glow in front of him.

4

He couldn't move – he was trapped!

6

However, no one was there.

2

Greedily, he rushed towards it.

5

His sword was grasped within his hand.

1

An uneasy feeling crept over him.

3

Kidd was found guilty of piracy and hanged for his crimes.

5

Tales of buried treasure have been told throughout the ages.

1

He planned to use his wealth to bargain his way out of prison.

3

People still hunt for his treasure today.

6

Whilst trying to clear his name, his treasure was discovered.

4

Captain William Kidd was forced to hide his treasure.

2

Your map is now complete.

6

Include a compass point in one corner.

2

Draw a big cross to show where the treasure is buried.

5

Rip the edges roughly off a piece of paper.

1

Be creative!

4

Label each axis.

3

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His real name was Edward Teach and he was born in Bristol.

4

Evidence of piracy dates back to the ancient Greeks.

2

The resulting smoke and sparks would scare people.

6

A pirate is a person who commits robbery or violence at sea.

1

The Vikings were pirates too.

3

He would light fuses and place them on his hat.

5

The skull and cross bones was commonly used during the 1720s.

2

Blackbeard's flag was a horned skeleton.

5

Other designs were used by different pirates.

4

Most people would surrender as soon as they saw the flag.

3

A sail-makers widow would make pirate flags for brandy.

6

Many pirate ships flew a flag called the Jolly Roger.

1

This makes for a very hot and smelly environment.

6

It appears my pirate days are finally at an end.

1

The conditions here are appalling.

5

Last week, our ship was boarded by the Royal Navy.

2

There were too many soldiers; we had to surrender.

4

A short battle commenced but we were dreadfully outnumbered.

3

I have a feeling that I will never see you again.

3

No mention has been made of a fair trial.

2

We live in hope that Mad Beard has escaped.

5

We fear that they will hang him.

1

I have my fingers crossed.

6

All is not lost, my dear.

4

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Captain Finnigan was a pirate; an exceedingly bad pirate. Relentlessly, he scoured the seven seas in search of treasure to pilfer. Early one morning, through his gold-plated telescope, he spied a splendid looking ship on the horizon. 'Could it be carrying a precious cargo?' he wondered. There was only one way to find out. Immediately, he ordered his crew to man the rigging and they set off in swift pursuit. With the wind in their sails, they made good speed and were soon bearing down upon their prey. Captain Finnigan ordered the men to hoist the Jolly Roger as a sign that they were about to attack; there would be no mercy here. The pirates drew alongside the ship and Captain Finnigan bellowed across, "Give up ye treasure and I might show ya some mercy!" This, of course, was a lie as he was an exceedingly bad pirate after all. There was no reply from the ship. In fact, there was no one there. The ship looked abandoned. Captain Finnigan smiled smugly; taking treasure from this boat would be a piece of cake.

- Number the following events from 1 to 7 to show the order that they happened in the text.

With the wind in their sails, they made good speed.

There was no reply from the ship.

'Could it be carrying a precious cargo?' he wondered.

Captain Finnigan smiled smugly.

Relentlessly, he scoured the seven seas in search of treasure to pilfer.

Captain Finnigan ordered the men to hoist the Jolly Roger.

Immediately, he ordered his crew to man the rigging.

He used a rope to swing skilfully across to the empty vessel (an action he had performed many times prior). His sword was grasped firmly in his hand, as always, in readiness to fight. However, no one was there. The captain was perplexed. Who was sailing the ship? Where were the crew? An uneasy feeling crept over him. He had heard tales of ghost ships but had yet to encounter one. Surely not...? He decided to go below deck to investigate further. He walked cautiously down the steps and into the eerie darkness below. The captain perceived a soft yellow glow in front of him. Treasure! Greedily, he rushed towards it, only to be scooped quite unexpectedly into the air. He was now tangled awkwardly in a net that was being suspended from the ceiling. How undignified! He couldn't move – he was trapped! Silently, he cursed his own foolishness and greed.

- Number the following events from 1 to 7 to show the order that they happened in the text.

He decided to go below deck to investigate further.

How undignified.

The captain was perplexed.

He cursed his own foolishness and greed.

His sword was grasped firmly in his hand in readiness to fight.

The captain perceived a soft yellow glow in front of him.

He had heard tales of ghost ships but had yet to encounter one.

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How to Make a Treasure Map

Rousing tales of pirates and buried treasure have been told throughout the ages; in reality, it was a rare occurrence and X almost certainly didn't mark the spot. It was more common for pirates to keep their wealth aboard the ship. The majority of their loot was then spent as soon as they returned to port. However, records show that there was one pirate, named Captain William Kidd, who was forced to hide his treasure before being arrested. He had planned to use his vast wealth to bargain his way out of prison. Whilst trying to clear his name, some of his hidden treasure was discovered and confiscated by the authorities. Despite his attempts to buy himself out of prison, Kidd was found guilty of piracy and hanged for his crimes. It is said that people still hunt for his treasure today.

- Number the following events from 1 to 7 to show the order that they happened in the text.

He had planned to use his vast wealth to bargain his way out of prison.

People still hunt for his treasure today.

Some of his treasure was discovered and confiscated by the authorities.

The majority of loot was then spent as soon as they returned to port.

X almost certainly didn't mark the spot.

It was common for pirates to keep their wealth aboard the ship.

Kidd was found guilty of piracy and hanged for his crimes.

Equipment: paper, cold tea, felt-tip pens, ruler and string

Method:

1. Using your fingers, rip the edges roughly off a piece of paper.
2. Next, pour strong, cold tea all over the paper and leave it to dry.
3. Draw the outline of an island on it and include a compass point in one corner.
4. Then, use a ruler to draw a grid on your paper. Label each axis.
5. Add other things to your map e.g. beaches, paths, rivers, caves and palm trees. Be creative!
6. X marks the spot! Draw a big cross to show where the treasure is buried.
7. Screw the map into a ball then flatten it out again.
8. Lastly, roll your treasure map up and tie a piece of string around it. Your map is now complete.

Top tip – Use greaseproof paper if you don't have time to stain a white piece of paper.

- Number the following events from 1 to 7 to show the order that they happened in the text.

Your map is now complete.

Draw a big cross to show where the treasure is buried.

Pour strong tea all over the paper.

Flatten the paper out again.

Use greaseproof paper if you don't have time.

Use a ruler to draw a grid on your paper.

Rip the edges roughly off a piece of paper.

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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Dear Martha,

Unfortunately, I'm having to write to you with dire news. It appears that my pirate days are finally at an end. Last week, our ship was boarded by the Royal Navy and they discovered the cargo we had stolen several days earlier. A short, fierce battle commenced but we were dreadfully outnumbered. Several of the crew were killed as a result. There were too many soldiers; we had to surrender. The rest of the surviving crew and I have been placed under lock and key. The conditions here are inexcusable. We are given very little food and water and there are far too many men in one cell. This makes for a very hot and smelly environment. Respite is impossible as there is insufficient space on the floor on which to recline.

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I have not seen sight nor sign of Mad Beard since he was marched away on that fateful day. We fear that they will hang him. We fear that they will hang us all! No mention has been made of a fair trial. I am lamenting the day that I became a pirate. I believed it to be an easy way to make money for you and the family. I have a feeling that I will never see you again my dearest Martha and my heart breaks at the thought. I believe that this is why we have been permitted to write just one letter home. However, all is not lost, my dear. We are living in hope that Mad Beard has found some ingenious way to escape. He is perhaps, even at this very moment, plotting some cunning plan to free us all! I can but hope to cast my eyes upon your sweet face once more.

All my love, Tom xxx

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- With the wind in their sails, they made good speed.
- There was no reply from the ship.
- 'Could it be carrying a precious cargo?' he wondered.
- Captain Finnigan smiled smugly.
- Relentlessly, he scoured the seven seas in search of treasure to pilfer.
- Captain Finnigan ordered the men to hoist the Jolly Roger.
- Immediately, he ordered his crew to man the rigging.
- He decided to go below deck to investigate further.
- How undignified.
- The captain was perplexed.
- He cursed his own foolishness and greed.
- His sword was grasped firmly in his hand in readiness to fight.
- The captain perceived a soft yellow glow in front of him.
- He had heard tales of ghost ships but had yet to encounter one.
- He had planned to use his vast wealth to bargain his way out of prison.
- People still hunt for his treasure today.
- Some of his treasure was discovered and confiscated by the authorities.
- The majority of loot was then spent as soon as they returned to port.
- X almost certainly didn't mark the spot.
- It was common for pirates to keep their wealth aboard the ship.
- Kidd was found guilty of piracy and hanged for his crimes.
- Your map is now complete.
- Draw a big cross to show where the treasure is buried.
- Pour strong tea all over the paper.
- Flatten the paper out again.
- Use greaseproof paper if you don't have time.
- Use a ruler to draw a grid on your paper.
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