

Piracy Trivia: Questions, Answers, and Facts
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Piracy trivia explores the history, legends, and pop-culture image of pirates, from the so-called Golden Age of Piracy to enduring symbols like treasure maps and Jolly Roger flags. It offers a family-friendly mix of easy, funny, and more challenging questions that separate maritime fact from fiction.

HARD PIRACY TRIVIA

1. Which pirate leader was better known by the nickname "Black Bart"?

Answer: Bartholomew Roberts

2. The alias "Black Bart" refers to which historical pirate?

Answer: Bartholomew Roberts

3. In what year was Captain Kidd executed in London?

Answer: 1701

4. True or false: Captain Kidd's execution in London took place in 1718.?

Answer: False

5. Blackbeard's blockade of Charleston occurred in which month and year?

Answer: May 1718

6. Which event is correctly dated to May 1718?

Answer: Blackbeard's blockade of Charleston

7. The forces that killed Blackbeard were commanded by which lieutenant?

Answer: Lieutenant Robert Maynard

8. Name the officer who brought down Blackbeard: Lieutenant _____.?

Answer: Robert Maynard

9. Henry Morgan led the sack of Panama City in what year?

Answer: 1671

10. Which pirate-associated assault belongs to 1671?

Answer: Henry Morgan's sack of Panama City

11. Under which governor was the pirate republic in Nassau suppressed?

Answer: Governor Woodes Rogers

12. What pirate stronghold was suppressed under Governor Woodes Rogers?

Answer: The pirate republic of Nassau

13. Before pirates captured the Whydah Gally, what type of vessel was it?

Answer: A slave ship

14. The Whydah Gally had a grim first career. What was it originally?

Answer: A slave ship

FUNNY PIRACY TRIVIA

1. If a pirate in a cartoon gets dramatic about a creaking ship, what sailor-style exclamation are they most likely to shout?

Answer: Shiver me timbers

2. True or false: "Arrr!" is mainly a modern pop-culture pirate catchphrase rather than a documented historical staple.?

Answer: True

3. What artificial lower-leg accessory is so tied to pirate jokes that it practically deserves its own billing?

Answer: Peg leg

4. Which accessory became one of the best-known visual stereotypes of pirates, even before anyone says a word?

Answer: Eye patch

5. In classic pirate fiction, what bird often gets the easiest ride on the ship by sitting on someone's shoulder?

Answer: Parrot

6. On a fictional treasure map, what famous marking tells everyone where to start digging and regretting their life choices?

Answer: X marks the spot

7. Which pirate-story command is famous in fiction but rarely documented in real pirate practice?

Answer: Walk the plank

8. Finish the famous pirate-themed warning: "Dead men tell no _____."?

Answer: Tales

9. What style of hat is commonly shown in pirate imagery when the wardrobe department wants instant sea-raider vibes?

Answer: Tricorne

10. Crossed what are a common decorative symbol in pirate-themed art?

Answer: Cutlasses

11. In some pirate cartoons and props, a red X warning mark often appears on what kind of bottle?

Answer: A rum bottle

12. What fictional pirate token of doom appears in Treasure Island and sounds like terrible mail to receive?

Answer: The black spot

13. True or false: Buried treasure is a staple pirate trope even though most pirates did not bury loot.?

Answer: True

FUN PIRACY TRIVIA

1. Which pirate pulled off the eye-popping capture of the Mughal treasure ship Ganj-i-Sawai in 1695?

Answer: Henry Every

2. Which pirate captain met his end in battle off West Africa in 1722?

Answer: Bartholomew Roberts

3. What ship name did Bartholomew Roberts like so much that he used it for multiple vessels?

Answer: Royal Fortune

4. Captain Kidd set sail against pirates in a vessel built for that voyage. What was it called?

Answer: Adventure Galley

5. Which pirate ship sank off Cape Cod in 1717, turning into one of the most famous wreck stories in piracy lore?

Answer: Whydah Gally

6. The wreck of the Whydah Gally was found in 1984 off what location?

Answer: Cape Cod

7. Blackbeard's flagship had a queenly name. What was it?

Answer: Queen Anne's Revenge

8. Which pirate was famous for the unexpectedly polite-sounding nickname 'the Gentleman Pirate'?

Answer: Stede Bonnet

9. Blackbeard was killed in 1718 near Ocracoke Island in which present-day U.S. state?

Answer: North Carolina

10. Pirate haven with a big reputation, small island base: what town sat on New Providence Island?

Answer: Nassau

11. Who became royal governor of the Bahamas in 1718, stepping into a world full of pirates?

Answer: Woodes Rogers

12. What was the nickname for the loose group of pirates based in the Bahamas?

Answer: The Flying Gang

13. Which pirate captain fits the clue: early 18th century, Atlantic world, and less famous than Blackbeard but very much in the game?

Answer: George Lowther

PIRACY FAMILY TRIVIA

1. Which family film was inspired by Robert Louis Stevenson's novel about buried treasure?

Answer: Muppet Treasure Island

2. Which pirate adventure novel was written by Rafael Sabatini?

Answer: Captain Blood

3. Name the 1995 pirate adventure film directed by Renny Harlin.?

Answer: Cutthroat Island

4. Which comedy series follows the adventures of Stede Bonnet?

Answer: Our Flag Means Death

5. In Our Flag Means Death, who appears as Blackbeard?

Answer: Taika Waititi

6. Who starred as the title character in the 1952 film The Crimson Pirate?

Answer: Burt Lancaster

7. The primary logo of the Raiders features what kind of face?

Answer: A helmeted pirate face

8. After beginning in the AFL, the Raiders joined which league in 1970?

Answer: The NFL

9. Before moving to Los Angeles, the Raiders played from 1960 through 1981 in which city?

Answer: Oakland

10. The Chargers spent most of their history in which California city?

Answer: San Diego

11. Which fictional pirate appears in Treasure Island?

Answer: Long John Silver

12. Whose 1950 performance as Long John Silver helped popularize the stereotypical pirate accent?

Answer: Robert Newton

EASY PIRACY TRIVIA

1. What is the common name for the skull-and-crossbones pirate flag?

Answer: The Jolly Roger.

2. Which pirate was better known by the nickname Blackbeard?

Answer: Edward Teach.

3. Who is one of the most famous women pirates in history?

Answer: Mary Read.

4. Calico Jack was known by what surname?

Answer: Rackham.

5. Which pirate was often nicknamed "Black Sam"?

Answer: Samuel Bellamy.

6. Which famous Caribbean privateer was Henry Morgan?

Answer: Henry Morgan became famous as a privateer in the Caribbean.

7. Captain Kidd's given name was what?

Answer: William Kidd.

8. Who wrote Treasure Island?

Answer: Robert Louis Stevenson.

9. Which fictional pirate captain is played by Johnny Depp?

Answer: Captain Jack Sparrow.

10. In film, what is Captain Jack Sparrow's signature ship?

Answer: The Black Pearl.

11. What Caribbean place was well known as a base for buccaneers?

Answer: Tortuga.

12. Which Jamaican port was a major pirate haunt in the 17th century?

Answer: Port Royal.

13. Which place in the Bahamas became a pirate stronghold in the early 1700s?

Answer: New Providence.

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