

# Pirates!



Pirates sailed pirate ships in the sea. They attacked merchant ships and stole their gold and treasure.

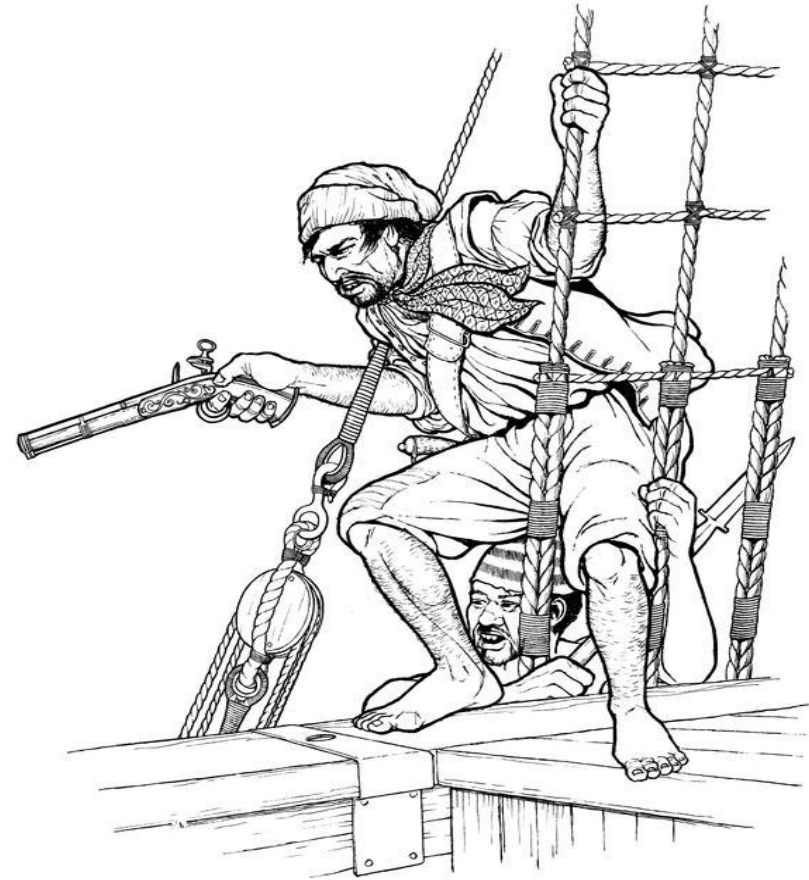
Sometimes pirates buried their treasure for safe-keeping. Some pirate treasure has never been found.

The pirate flag is the "Skull and Crossbones."

When people saw the flag on the ship they were very scared because they knew the pirates were coming.



The most famous pirate was called "Blackbeard." He was very mean and cruel. He attacked Spanish ships full of gold and killed many people. Finally, the American navy found him and his crew and there was a big battle. Blackbeard was shot and stabbed 25 times before he died. His head was cut off and stuck on his ship for everyone to see.



## Pirate words

pirate  
merchant  
stole  
treasure  
gold  
died

buried  
mean  
cruel  
finally  
shot  
stabbed