



## The Golden Age of Piracy

### 1. Answer the following questions:

(a) What did Phoenician pirates do?

*They sailed the Mediterranean and did much legitimate trade, but also attacked other ships and merchant towns.*

(b) When and how was religion important in piracy?

*In the middle ages, both Christian and Muslim corsairs attacked ships of the other religion.*

(c) How did pirates gain money?

*They took the treasures (booty) and sold crew and passengers as slaves or ransomed them.*

(d) What is the difference between *privateers* and other pirates?

*They were considered as legal by one side.*

(e) What was the favourite food of 17<sup>th</sup> century Haitians?

*Barbecued wild pigs.*

(f) What is a *boucan*?

*A boucan is an open fire or barbecue.*

(g) In your own words, why did the pirates prefer Tortuga as a base?

*It offered everything necessary, water to drink, a good place to anchor and a good strategic position.*

(h) Was there a *code of honour* among pirates?

*Yes, most ships were run democratically and a code was signed.*

(i) Was the loot of pirates distributed by equal shares?

*No, captain and important crew members got a larger share.*

### 2. Put into Active Voice:

(a) Crusades were conducted by Christian Europeans.

*Christian Europeans conducted crusades.*

(b) Men and women were sold as slaves or ransomed.

*Pirates sold men and women as slaves.*

(c) Drake's popularity with the crown was assured after one expedition where he captured for treasury 300,000 pounds of booty.

*The queen assured Drake of his popularity with her.*



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(d) In 1630 a treaty was signed with Spain.

*Spain signed a treaty.*

(e) Many pirate ships were run democratically.

*The pirate captains ran their ships democratically.*

### 3. Put into Passive Voice:

(a) The Phoenicians plied the Mediterranean.

*The Mediterranean was plied by the Phoenicians.*

(b) They conducted much legal trade.

*Much legal trade was conducted.*

(c) The Cilician pirates took control of the Mediterranean around 150 B.C.

*Control was taken around 150 b.c. by the Cilician pirates.*

(d) The senate ordered Pompey to hunt them down.

*Pompey was ordered to hunt the pirates down.*

(e) In 1494 the Pope divided the New World between Spain and Portugal.

*The world was divided between. ....*

(f) The Spanish were stealing from the Aztecs of South America.

*The Aztecs were stolen by the Spanish.*

(g) "Letters of marque" entitled the owner of a private ship to outfit it for war and use it to attack enemy ships.

*Owners of ... were entitled ... by letters of marque.*

(h) Drake not only raided ships, but attacked Spanish towns and mule trains carrying gold.

*Not only ships were attacked by Drake, but also. ....*

(i) Queen Elizabeth addressed him as "my dear pirate."

*D. was addressed as .... by the queen.*

(j) The settlers barbecued the pigs on open fires called *buccans* or *boucan*.

*Pigs were barbecued by settlers.*

(k) When they used larger ships the pirates often favored smaller, single-masted sloops

*Smaller sloops were favoured by pirates.*

(l) As a group they decided where to sail.

*Where to sail was decided as a group.*