

Online Book Club

Dear Pirate: The Buried Treasure Mystery

Bring It To Life!

- 1. Pen Pals!** Have each book club member ask their mom or dad about a relative or family friend they haven't talked to in a while. Maybe it is a second cousin or an old friend from kindergarten. If you have a current address for that person, write a one-page letter to your new pen pal. You can tell them about yourself, your favorite vacation, your hobbies or your hidden talent—anything you want! Send the letter, and be sure to include your own address so your new pen pal can write you back!
- 2. Costume Contest!** Have each member raid their closets at home to put together a pirate outfit. Be creative! Then, at your next meeting, have each member show up in their costume. Take pictures and ask a book club member's mom or dad to judge the contest. The best pirate wins!
- 3. Ahoy, Matey!** Write down as many pirate words as you can think of and their meanings. Make sure everyone contributes. After each member has seen the list, put it away. See how long you can hold a conversation using only pirate words. Ye best try yer hardest, or else ye'll walk the plank!
- 4. X marks the spot!** Have each member find a map of their favorite state. Have everyone draw a small X on a city they'd like to visit. Then have them pass the maps to the person next to them and see if they can find the X. The person to spot the first X wins! After the group has found all the Xs, have each member explain why they would like to visit that city. What adventures await them there?



Online Quiz

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Pop Quiz

1. What city do Peter and Piper visit on their vacation?
2. True or False? The name of Peter's pen pal is Pirate Kiddy.
3. What is the name of the hotel where Peter and Piper stay?
4. True or False? Peter thinks his pen pal is a real pirate.
5. What scares Piper about The Sparrow's hands?
6. Where do Peter and Piper find their mysterious pen pal?
7. Who is Cap'n Slappy?
8. What is Captain Kid's real name?



Online Information

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Fascinating Facts

1. William Kidd, better known as Captain Kidd, was a notorious pirate. Many people believe that Captain Kidd buried a hidden treasure before he died!
2. Pirates used flags called "Jolly Rogers" on their ships to terrify their enemies. The flags often displayed pictures of skeletons, daggers or the infamous skull and crossbones.
3. Buccaneers were French settlers who lived on Caribbean islands when they got kicked off their pirate ship. Most buccaneers hunted wild boar and oxen!
4. Anne Bonny was a woman who disguised herself in men's clothes and snuck on board a pirate ship. She turned out to be one of the fiercest pirates to ever sail in the Caribbean!
5. Privateers and pirates are not the same thing. Privateers carried a government license to pillage ships. Pirates did not.
6. Pirates who lost their hand in battle would often replace it with a metal hook because it was a useful tool around the ship. The hook would be held in place by long leather straps that wrapped around the pirate's shoulder.
7. A pirate had to sign a copy of The Articles before he could join the ship's crew. The Articles were a list of rules that every pirate had to follow.
8. Pirates really did have peg legs! Pirates were often hurt in battle and lost their legs. A substitute was required for their missing leg. So, they would look around their ship to find something that would work, like a long piece of wood.
9. Have you ever heard of Blackbeard the pirate? His real name was Edward Teach and he was from England. Blackbeard was one of the most feared pirates in the Caribbean!
10. A marooner was a pirate who deserted his ship or ran away.
11. Pirates really did make people walk the plank! The victim was usually blindfolded and had his hands tied behind his back.
12. Most pirates thought it was bad luck to have a woman aboard their ship!



Know your SAT Words!

Mystery Name: _____

SAT Words



1. maritime
2. anxiety
3. permeate
4. intrigue
5. contagious

Write a sensational sentence using all five SAT Words from this mystery.





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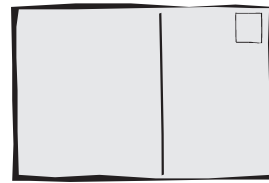
Hunt

Want to have some fun? Let's go on a scavenger hunt! See if you can find the items below related to the mystery. (Teachers: You have permission to reproduce this form for your students.)

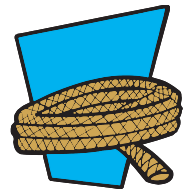
1. ___ A map of Florida



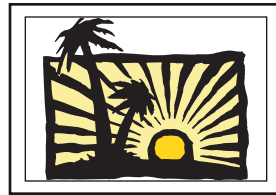
2. ___ A postcard



3. ___ Some rope (to tie sailor's knots with!)



4. ___ A picture of a sunset



5. ___ A pail and shovel (for digging up treasure!)



6. ___ A brightly colored bandana

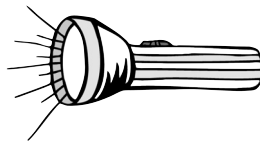


7. ___ A black ink pen (for writing to your pen pal!)

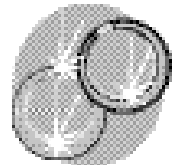


8. ___ One fact about Mel Fisher

9. ___ A flashlight



10. ___ A pair of big gold hoop earrings (just like a pirate, matey!)



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Talk About It!

1. Which character are you most like, Peter or Piper? Why?
2. If you were a pirate, what would be your signature look? An eyepatch and a peg leg, or a parrot named Polly who sits on your shoulder? Be creative!
3. Did the ending of this book surprise you? What did you expect to happen?
4. Do you have a brother or a sister? Do you get along with them? Discuss what it would be like to go on an adventure with your brother or sister.
5. Peter dreams of a living a pirate's life. Would you want to live a life of great adventure on the open sea? Why or why not?
6. Peter and Piper are amazed by what The Sparrow tells them. Do you believe that fortune tellers can really read minds? Why or why not?
7. Peter asks Piper for help when he can't figure out the mystery of the postcards. When they work together, they solve the mystery quickly. Is it hard for you to ask for help sometimes, even when you really need it? Why?
8. At the beginning of the book, Peter has a nightmare about pirates. Later he feels like he is experiencing déjà vu when things from his dream start happening in real life. Have you ever experienced déjà vu? If so, describe what it felt like.
9. What was your favorite part of the story?
10. Jordan imagines he's a pirate to take his mind off his illness. Sometimes imagining a different life for ourselves makes us feel better. Can you remember a time in your life when you used your imagination to make yourself feel better? Do you think Jordan's imagination made him happier?





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Word Search

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Word Bank

PIRATE
 PLANK
 SWORD
 ATOCHA

PATCH
 TREASURE
 SPARROW
 PEG

CANNON
 AHOY
 POSTCARD
 MUSEUM

