

Who were pirates?

Pirates were robbers who roamed the seas and stole from other ships. Men became pirates for lots of different reasons- some thought a pirate's life was full of adventure, others thought a pirate's life was easy and lots of men thought they would get lots of treasure.



Queen Elizabeth I 1533-1603

Elizabeth I was 25 when she became Queen and reigned from 1558 to 1603. She was Queen for 45 years and lived until she was 69 years old. The time that she was Queen is called the 'Elizabethan Period'. It was also part of the Tudor period as she was the last of the Tudor family to reign. Queen Elizabeth I gave Sir Francis Drake secret permission to steal from the Spanish colonies on the American Pacific Coast.

Sir Francis Drake 1540 – 1596

Sir Francis Drake was born in 1540 in Devon, England. He was an Elizabethan Sea Captain who became the first Englishman to sail round the world, from 1577 to 1580, on a ship called The Golden Hind. It took him 3 years! His voyage around the world helped map makers to improve their maps. He shared the treasure chest he stole from Spanish colonies with his crew and with Queen Elizabeth I.



Key Vocabulary

- **Pirate** – criminals who attack ships at sea (like Blackbeard).
- **Privateer** – a sea captain who has permission from the monarch to attack and steal from ships of another country.
- **Voyage**- a long journey to a distant place.
- **Golden Age** – a time when England became richer and more powerful.
- **Explorer** – someone who travels to a new or unfamiliar place (like Sir Francis Drake).
- **Trade** – to buy, sell or exchange goods between people or countries.
- **Monarch** – King or Queen.

We will be looking at maps and naming the 5 oceans- Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean, Arctic Ocean and Southern Ocean. We will also be looking at compass directions and putting them on maps.

