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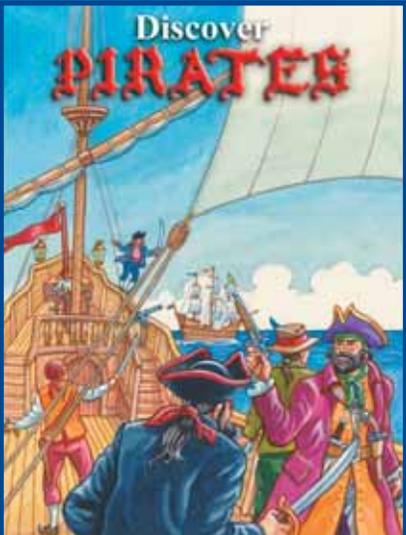
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# DISCOVER PIRATES

## Playing Cards

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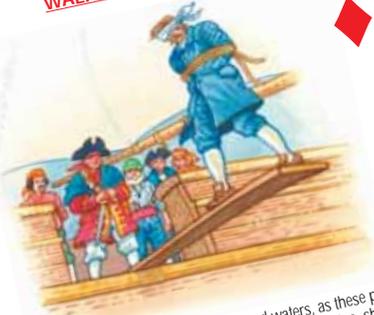
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**FAMOUS PIRATES BLACKBEARD**



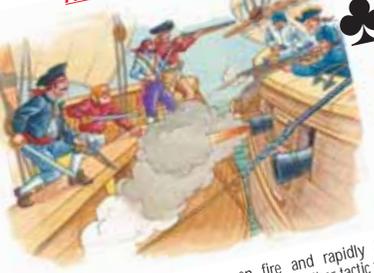
Edward Teach, better known as Blackbeard, was one of the most feared and famous pirates that operated along the Caribbean and Atlantic coasts from 1717-18. Blackbeard was most infamous for his frightening appearance. He was huge man with wild bloodshot eyes, and a mass of tangled hair and beard that was twisted into dreadlocks, and then bound with black ribbons. In battle, he made himself even more fearsome by wearing smoldering cannon fuses stuffed under his hat, creating black smoke wafting about his head. During raids, Blackbeard carried his cutlass between his teeth as he scaled the side of a ship. He was hunted down by a British Navy crew at Ocracoke Inlet in 1718. Blackbeard fought a furious battle, and was slain only after receiving over 30 wounds.

**WALKING THE PLANK**



Walking the plank is a form of execution that involved the victim being forced to walk off the end of a wooden plank or beam extended over the side of a ship, thereby falling into the water to drown. Sometimes with bound hands. Even if the hands of the victim were bound, the practice often followed a fact, there is little evidence of this practice ever being widespread, and it seems more likely that victims were simply thrown over the side of the ship. The pirate who is often credited with the practice is the

**ATTACK STRATEGY**



Pirates would rely on a variety of tactics that included deception, surprise, speed, boldness and terror to capture a ship. One common play was to fly the flag of a friendly nation while approaching. Ropes were sometimes dragged behind the pirate ship to slow her down, giving the impression of a slow merchant ship. At the last moment the flag would be replaced with the skull and crossbones, and the pirates hiding below deck would open fire and rapidly board their prey. Another tactic was to frighten the ship into surrendering as Pirates had a reputation for cruelty that many lived up to! They knew that their victims would surrender more easily if resistance was punished by torture or death. Another advantage was the speed of a Pirate sloop which usually made escape impossible, unless the defenders put up a fight and damaged the Pirate vessel.

**PIRATE TREASURE**



The lure of treasure was the driving force behind all the risks taken by Pirates. It was possible to acquire more booty in a single raid than a man could earn in a lifetime of regular work. In 1693, Thomas Tew once plundered a ship in the Indian Ocean where each member received 3000 English pounds, equal to over 3 million today! The most prized treasure was or jewelry. It was small, light and easy to carry and was widely accepted as currency. Other spoils were more practical: tobacco, weapons, food, alcohol, and the all important doctor's medical chest. There are only a few known cases of pirates actually burying their treasure. William Kidd buried treasure on a small island off the tip of

**PIRATE FLAGS**



JACK RACKHAM  
THOMAS TEW

**LIFE ON BOARD PIRATE ENTERTAINMENT**



There was little to do when not on watch or stalking a merchant ship. Pirates would eat, drink rum, play card games, and gamble with dice. They would also make their own entertainment by playing musical instruments, such as a hornpipe or fiddle. Sometimes, Pirates would employ professional musicians to entertain the crew. The musicians would strike up jigs in the evening so Pirates could dance. They also played during many raids, believing that Pirates would attack more fiercely than ever!

- LIST OF ALL 52 CARDS IS AVAILABLE
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