

# BUCCANEER FACTS

## DESCRIPTION:

Buccaneers were pirates who attacked Spanish ships in the Caribbean Sea. Nowadays the word 'buccaneer' refers to any pirate but many years ago there were some differences between buccaneers and pirates:

1. buccaneer crews were larger
2. buccaneers were more likely to attack towns built on the coast
3. buccaneers stayed in the Caribbean, but pirates sailed the world.



Real pirate treasure coins

## WHEN:

Buccaneers lived during the 17th century.

## THE JOLLY ROGER:

The Jolly Roger was a flag used to identify a ship as a pirate ship. There were lots of different designs, but this is the one we still recognise as a pirate flag.



## WEAPONS:

Pirates used lots of different weapons. Some of these include cannons, pistols, a type of sword called a cutlass and a type of gun called a blunderbus.



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