

Knights of the Black Flag **Exhibit Guide and Gallery Hunt**



Ahoy, ye landlubbers, and welcome to the North Carolina Museum of History. Answer me questions if ye dare and perhaps ye may discover me treasure at the end. Yarr!

Piracy in Ancient Times

Pirates have been sailing the world for thousands of years. Find the Greek and Roman coins early pirates plundered in the first century CE. These coins were found in Europe, Africa, and India.

- ? Compare a modern coin with the ancient coins on display. How does your coin look different from the ancient coins? How does it look the same?

Elizabethan Piracy

Sir Walter Raleigh is best known as the English explorer who organized expeditions to North America, including the failed Lost Colony. In fact, the city of Raleigh is named for him. But before he attempted to colonize the New World, Sir Walter was a privateer. A **privateer** was a sailor who was permitted by a national power to capture and rob enemy ships of their cargo.

- ? Find Sir Walter Raleigh in the exhibit. Name other pirates who were also privateers.

Pirate Treasure

Pirates in the 1700s stole treasures such as jewels and gold, along with many other valuable everyday items they could later sell, like tea, sugar, and fabrics.

- ? Find these items in the exhibit. What other booty or treasure do you see?

Seafaring Punishments

Pirates were famous for their horrifying crimes.

- ? Find the gibbet. How was a gibbet used? What are two other forms of pirate punishment?

Pirate Weapons

In the early 1700s black powder, or gunpowder, was used to fire guns and cannons of all sizes. The powder had to be kept dry or it was useless.

- ? Look in the "Pirate Weapons" section of the exhibit. What are two types of containers that were used to hold black powder?

Shipwreck: The *Queen Anne's Revenge*

In 1717 Blackbeard captured the French slave ship *Concorde* off the island of St. Vincent in the Caribbean Sea. He renamed the ship *Queen Anne's Revenge* and used it to disrupt trade along the eastern seaboard of North America for the next seven months. By early 1718, he was in command of four vessels and over 300 pirates. But in May 1718 the *Queen Anne's Revenge* ran aground in what is now Beaufort Inlet.

? The shipwreck believed to be the *Queen Anne's Revenge* was found in 1996. What are two items scientists have recovered from this famous shipwreck?

Conservation

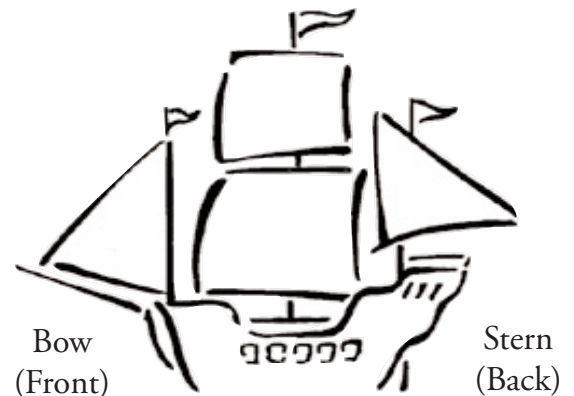
Scientists who study the remains of past cultures and people are called **archaeologists**. Archaeologists researching the *Queen Anne's Revenge* must work underwater to find objects related to the ship. Because the vessel has been underwater for almost 300 years, most objects are encased in masses of rock and minerals called **concretions**.

? Find the tanks holding the concretions. How can archaeologists determine what objects are inside a concretion without breaking its hard outer shell?

Seat of Ease

Have you ever seen a potty fit for a pirate? Find the "seat of ease" located beyond the concretion tanks. This rolled piece of lead tubing directed waste into the sea and would have been covered by a wooden seat. Archaeologists believe the *Queen Anne's Revenge* had two restrooms, one for officers and the other for crew.

? What area of the ship was this seat of ease found? (circle the correct answer)



Shiver me timbers! Ye answered me questions, did ye? If ye answered correctly, find me pirate ship at the end o' the exhibit. Ye have permission to climb aboard and peer o'er the side at me vast treasure. Or perhaps me mateys already took it all! Yo ho ho!