

# PIRATES



- Go to your public, school, and classroom libraries and check your home for any books about pirates. Collect all the different materials you can on this topic and bring them to school. Read and research all you can about pirates. Keep a bibliography on all the books you read and record them on your "Thieves of the Sea: Pirates" chart.
- There are many famous pirate songs. Find several such songs and create an illustrated pirate songbook. Learn at least one of the songs and teach it to the class.
- Identify someone in your area who is an expert on pirates. Make arrangements to interview this individual. Use the "Interview Planning Sheet" to help you prepare your questions.
- As you are conducting your research about pirates, begin a "Pirate" journal. Pretend you are a pirate on a ship. Keep a journal of your adventures. Ask a teacher to help you "age" your journal when it is finished.
- Using the school and playground, create a pirate map that will lead your classmates to a treasure you hide. Use secret symbols that only pirates understand.
- Make a giant mural of a pirate ship. Include as many details as you can to make your ship look real. Include some pirates. Consider doing a skeletal view of the ship showing the internal structure.

Design a pirate costume. Wear your costume to school and read your journal of adventures to your class. Have your picture taken next to your pirate ship.

Create a timeline of famous pirate related events. Include maps with each incident marking the locations. Is there a pattern in the locations or the timing?

