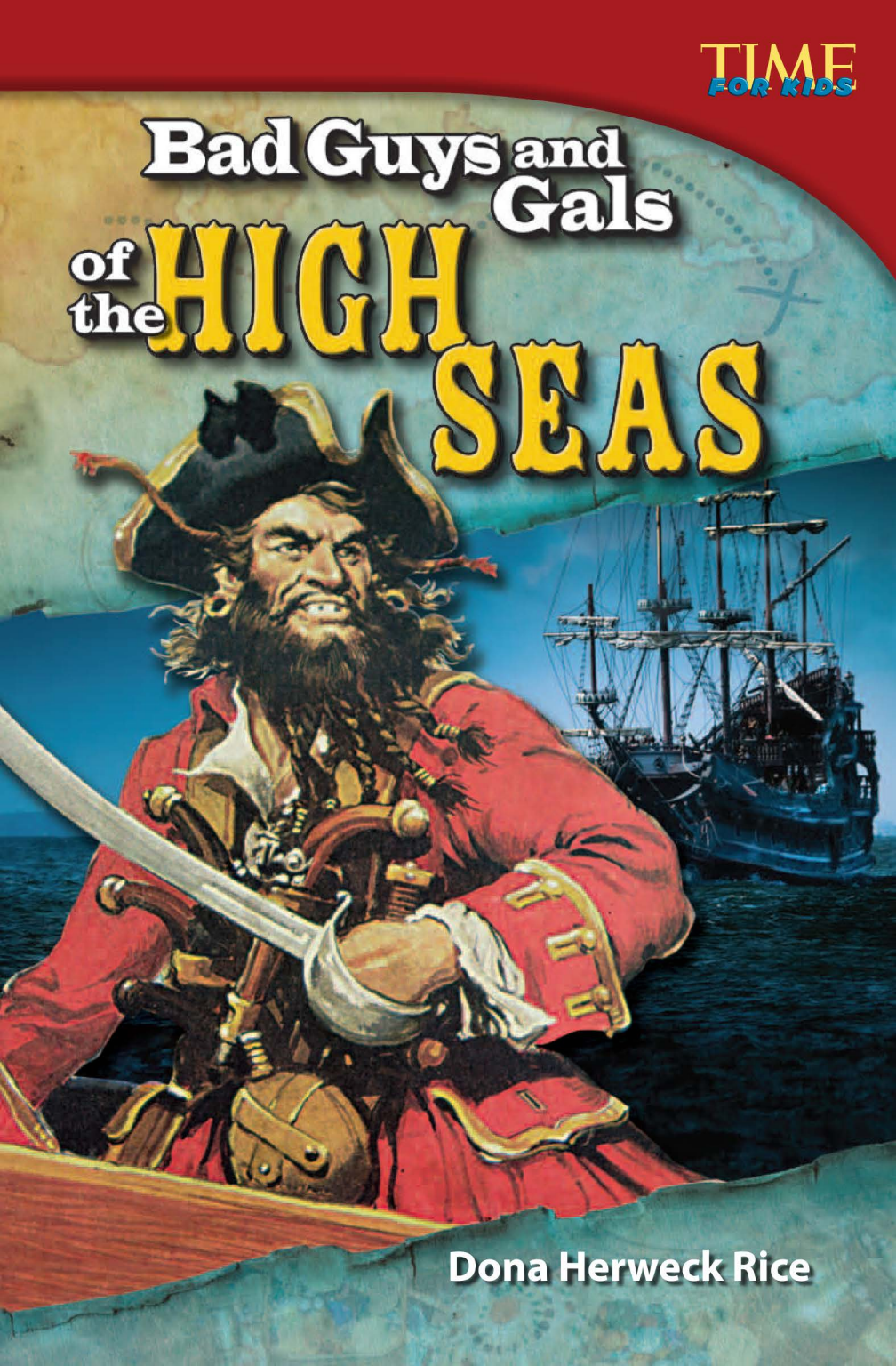
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How to Spot a Pirate

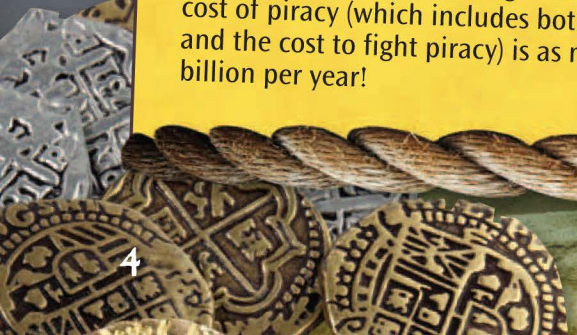
You can easily recognize a pirate by the peg leg, eye patch, and parrot perched on his shoulder—right? If you're watching a movie, sure. Or reading a kid's book? You bet. But say you are standing on a Caribbean **dock** around 1700? Then, no, not so much.

A pirate was a sailor first. He wore clothes that any sailor would wear. The difference was that pirate gangs searched sea and shore to rob whatever they could find of value.



Today's Pirates

Pirates still exist today. They, rob, kill, and make people afraid. Today, pirates are most active off the coasts of Malaysia, Sumatra, Bangladesh, India, Brazil, and Somalia. Throughout the world, the cost of piracy (which includes both what is stolen and the cost to fight piracy) is as much as $12 billion per year!





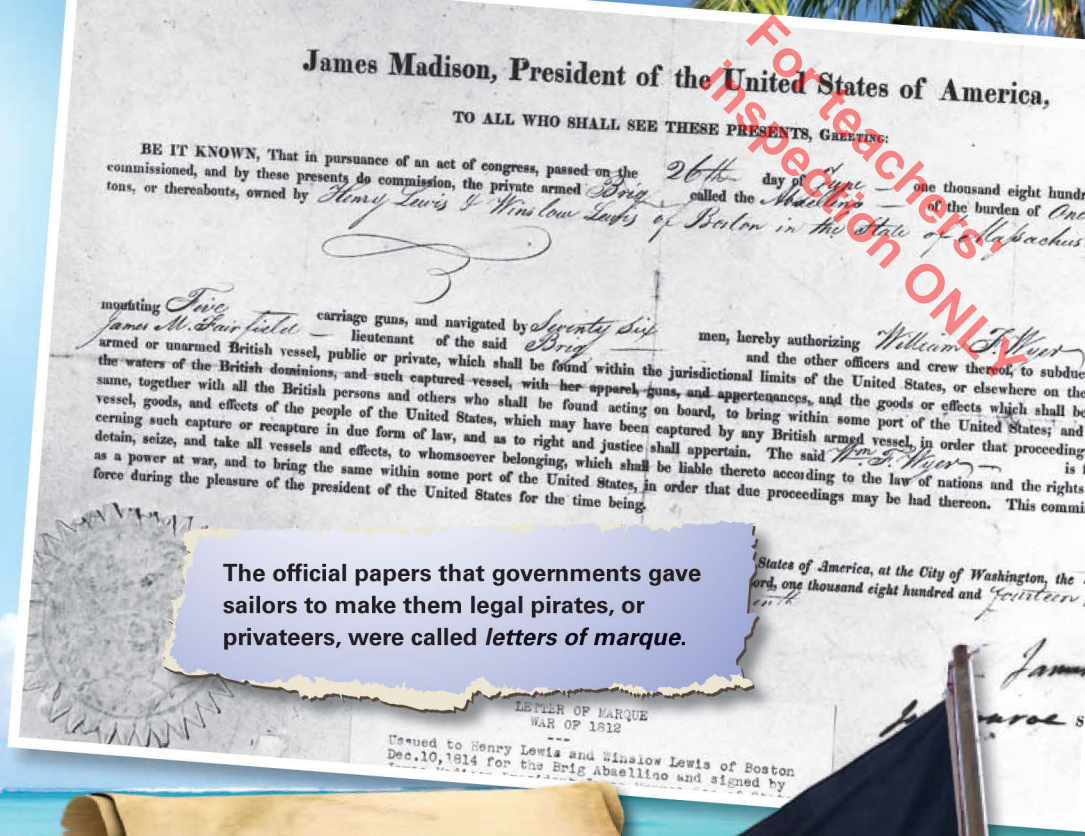
THINK LINK

- What was life as a pirate really like?
- Who were the fiercest pirates in the world?
- Why would someone want to become a pirate?

Risky Business

The pirates' goal was to raid ships or coastal towns. They took cash and gold, but also valuable goods, and even the ships themselves. This was risky business, but a pirate could make more money in a single **haul** than a sailor did in a lifetime.

Strangely, this goal did not belong to pirates alone. Sometimes, governments hired sailors as **privateers**. A privateer's job was to do exactly what pirates did. They took ships, gold, and goods from foreign ships during war. Privateers were licensed pirates.


James Madison, President of the United States of America,

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

BE IT KNOWN, That in pursuance of an act of congress, passed on the 26th day of June — one thousand eight hundr commissioned, and by these presents do commission, the private armed Brig called the Abaellino — of the burden of One tons, or thereabouts, owned by Henry Lewis & Winslow Lewis of Boston in the State of Massachus

mounting Five carriage guns, and navigated by Seventy Six men, hereby authorizing William F. Wyer armed or unarmed British vessel, public or private, which shall be found within the jurisdictional limits of the United States, or elsewhere on the the waters of the British dominions, and such captured vessel, with her apparel, guns, and appertenances, and the goods or effects which shall be same, together with all the British persons and others who shall be found acting on board, to bring within some port of the United States; and vessel, goods, and effects of the people of the United States, which may have been captured by any British armed vessel, in order that proceeding cerning such capture or recapture in due form of law, and as to right and justice shall appertain. The said Wm. F. Wyer is detain, seize, and take all vessels and effects, to whomsoever belonging, which shall be liable thereto according to the law of nations and the rights as a power at war, and to bring the same within some port of the United States, in order that due proceedings may be had thereon. This commi force during the pleasure of the president of the United States for the time being.

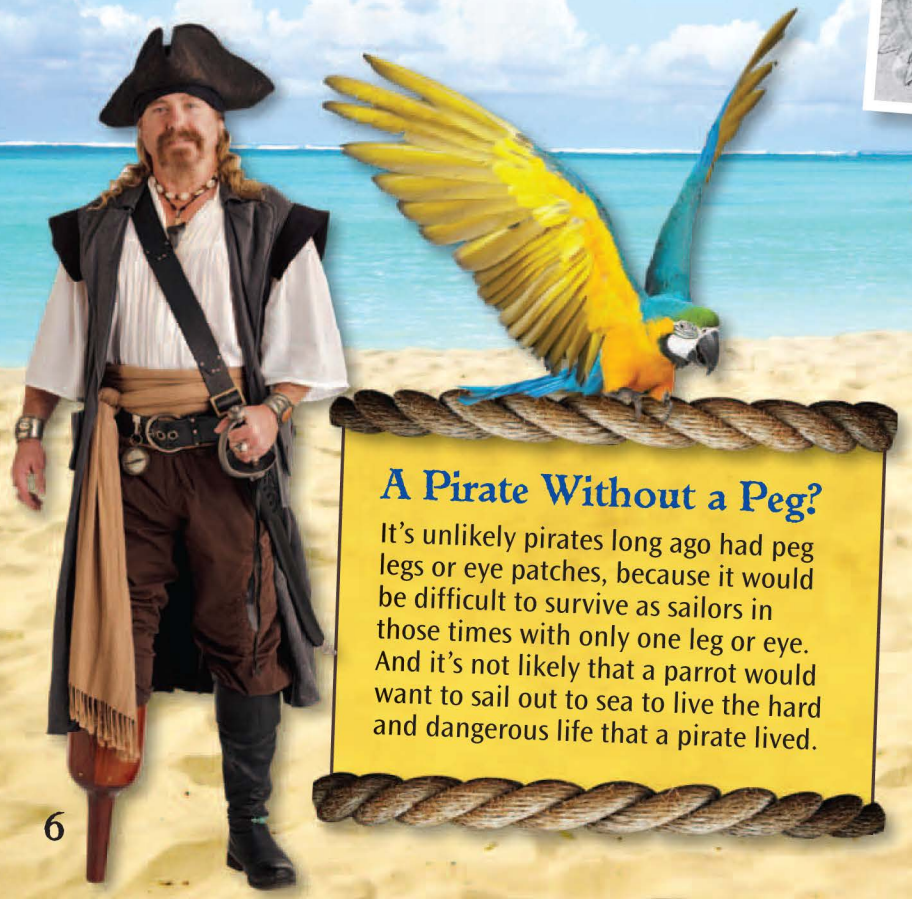
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LETTER OF MARQUE
WAR OF 1812

Issued to Henry Lewis and Winslow Lewis of Boston Dec.10,1814 for the Brig Abaellino and signed by

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The official papers that governments gave sailors to make them legal pirates, or privateers, were called *letters of marque*.



A Pirate Without a Peg?

It's unlikely pirates long ago had peg legs or eye patches, because it would be difficult to survive as sailors in those times with only one leg or eye. And it's not likely that a parrot would want to sail out to sea to live the hard and dangerous life that a pirate lived.

The Jolly Roger

Pirate ships often hung a flag called the Jolly Roger. The flag was meant to warn other ships that the pirates would show no mercy and had no problem killing anyone who got in their way. The hope was that the attacked ship would give up easily, without a fight. The name Jolly Roger probably comes from the French words *joli rouge*, or "pretty red," which was likely the original color of the flag. Later, the flag was often black with a skull and crossbones—a warning of death.



A Pirate's Life

Judging by the movies, a pirate's life was once a leg-slapping, back-patting, rip-roaring, jolly good time! Who wouldn't want to cruise the high seas with Captain Jack Sparrow? Who wouldn't want to "pillage and **plunder**, rifle and loot" and "drink up, me 'earties, yo ho"? A pirate's life looks like a little mischief mixed with fun.

Truth or Fiction?

One of the most famous pirates known today is Captain Jack Sparrow. But he isn't a real figure from history. He is just a character played by Johnny Depp from the movie franchise *The Pirates of the Caribbean*.



actor Johnny Depp as Captain Jack Sparrow

The Golden Age of Piracy

Long ago, there was a period of time in which piracy was at an all-time high. No ship was safe on the water. Coastal towns were often at risk from pirate attacks. Different sources call different periods of time the Golden Age of Piracy. But the peak of this time seems to be about 1690 to 1730.

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