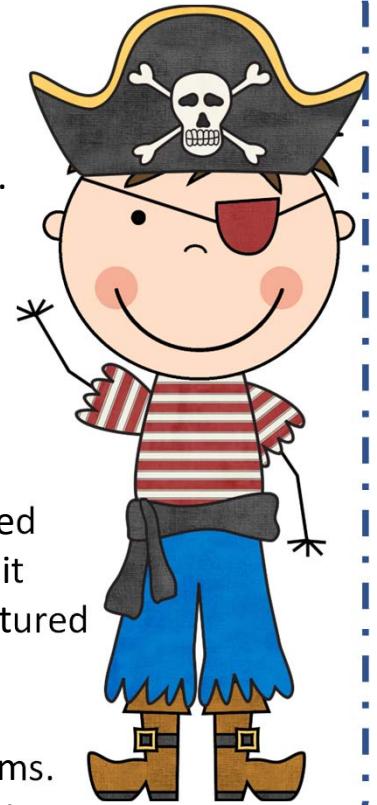


Captain Redbeard



Long, long ago, there was a great pirate who sailed the seven seas. His name was Captain Redbeard, and he was one of the most feared pirates in all the land. He and his crew had found many treasures on their adventures, but none was more valuable than the one they were about to find.

One day, while sailing the seas, the crew spotted an island in the distance. They sailed towards it and when they arrived, they noticed a strange looking mountain in the center. They decided to explore it and soon discovered a cave at the base of the mountain. They ventured inside, and after walking a long way, they found a small chest.

The chest was filled with gold coins, jewels, and other valuable items. Captain Redbeard was overjoyed, and he quickly ordered his crew to take the chest back to the ship. Once they returned to their ship, they realized they had found a buried treasure.

Captain Redbeard and his crew were very happy, but they also knew they had to keep the treasure a secret. They decided to bury the chest somewhere on the island, away from prying eyes. They dug a deep hole and carefully placed the chest inside. Then, they covered the hole with rocks and sand, making sure nobody could find the treasure.



The pirates sailed away with their secret, leaving the buried treasure behind. To this day, nobody knows where the treasure is hidden. Many people have tried to find it but all their efforts have been unsuccessful.

The buried treasure still remains a mystery, waiting to be discovered. Who knows, maybe one day a lucky person will find it and become rich beyond their wildest dreams. Until then, the treasure remains a secret, hidden away from the world.

1. Read the passage about "Captain Redbeard."
2. Underline any word or sentence you don't understand.

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Answer according to the reading passage:

1. **Captain Redbeard was one of the most _____ pirates in all the land.**
 - a. scary
 - b. feared
 - c. toughest

2. **Where were they sailing when they spotted an island in the distance?**
 - a. Baltic Sea
 - b. Atlantic Ocean
 - c. Seven Seas

3. **What was in the small chest that they found?**
 - a. money
 - b. gold coins and jewels
 - c. diamonds and emeralds

4. **What did they do with the chest?**
 - a. kept it a secret and buried it
 - b. shared it among the crew
 - c. brought it home

5. **Has the buried chest ever been found:**
 - a. yes
 - b. no

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Open Response Questions

Open response questions for thinking skills:

1. Inferring
2. Making Connections
3. Summarizing
4. Visualizing

1. Why do you think they buried the treasure and kept it a secret?
2. Why do you think Captain Redbeard was feared so much?
3. In 3 sentences summarize the story of "*Captain Redbeard*'
4. What comes across your mind and what do you visualize as you are reading this passage?

5. Could this story be non-fiction? Explain
6. Do you think Captain Redbeard was a real pirate? Explain
7. What 3 questions would you ask Captain Redbeard?
8. What would you do if you found the buried treasure?
9. Find out if there are still pirates today and write about it.