

Pirates of the Caribbean Who was the real Jack Sparrow?

Task 1: All about Jack Sparrow

- The first thing we will investigate is how far “Jack Sparrow” is based on actual pirates.
- As a class, conduct a discussion about the sorts of things we know about “Jack Sparrow” from “Pirates of the Caribbean”.
- List your ideas, focusing especially on those that we could test against real pirates from the surviving evidence¹:

Task 2: WANTED!

- The class will be presented with this list of pirates.

Henry Morgan (1635-1688)
William “Captain” Kidd (1645-1701)
Henry Every (1653-1696)
Thomas Tew (1665-1695)
Edward Teach (Blackbeard) (1680-1718)
John Rackham (Calico Jack) (1682-1720)
Bart Roberts (1682-1722)
Stede Bonnet (1688-1718)
Henry Jennings (1690-1745)
Edward England (1690-1720)
Edward Lowe (1695-1724)

- Each team needs to produce “Wanted!” posters for all of these men using the PowerPoint template provided. These posters will be essential for successfully answering the questions in the simulation game that will follow.
- The “Captain” on each ship needs to decide how to divide this task between the crew.

Note: After you have had a chance to conduct some independent research your teacher may provide you with a video/podcast clips on certain pirates that can be found at http://www.activehistory.co.uk/menu/Year_8/Pirates.php.



¹ After you have run out of ideas as a class you could use the following website to get more information: http://pirates.wikia.com/wiki/Jack_Sparrow