

LESSON PLAN

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FEARSOME FEMALE PIRATES


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PRE-INTERMEDIATE

Stages	Procedure	Time
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To practise <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. skimming, scanning and inferencing skills b. guessing meanings of words in context 	
Warmer	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teacher shows a picture of Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp) from Pirates of the Caribbean. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Do you recognise him? What's his name? b. Which movie does he feature in? c. What is he in the movie? 2. Teacher shows picture of skull and crossbones. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Where would you see this image? b. There is a name for this. Do you know? (Jolly Roger) 	5 mins
Pre-reading	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teacher reads out a series of questions in Task 1, one at a time, for students to answer. 2. Students to skim and scan for answers as quickly as possible. 3. Whoever finds the answers first to put hand up to answer. 	10 mins
While-Reading	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teacher distributes Task 2. 2. Students answer the questions in Task 2 individually. 3. Students check answers with a partner. 	10 mins
Post-reading	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teacher goes over answers to Task 2 with students. 2. Teacher distributes Task 3. 3. In pairs, students complete task. 4. Teacher elicits for and discusses the answers. 	12 mins
Wrap	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teacher does a concept check of the lesson 	3 mins

TASK 1

Your teacher is going to read out a series of questions. Skim and scan through the cover story *Fearsome Female Pirates* for answers to the questions. As soon as you find the answer to a question, put your hand up to say the answer out loud. **SPEED IS IMPORTANT HERE!**

TASK 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Why was the period between 1620 and 1720 known as the Golden Age of Piracy?

2. Pick out the phrase used to suggest that the pirates killed their victims.

3. How were the corsairs different from other pirates?

4. What were pirates superstitious about?

5. Why do you think it was important for Ching Shih to form an alliance with her stepson Cheng Pao?

TASK 3

Replace the words in bold with words from the story.

Piracy was at its ¹**most active** between the 17th and 18th century. ²**Ships carrying goods** were robbed on the high seas by ³**murderous** pirates. ⁴**Pirates who were operating legally with their government's permission** shared their ⁵**spoils** with their government. Their activities were sanctioned by their governments. Pirates were usually men as women were considered bad luck on ships. However, there were some ⁶**outstanding** female pirates in history. One was Ching Shih who in her time commanded up to 1,500 ships and 80,000 pirates. She was very cruel and ⁷**chopped off the heads of** those who betrayed her and chopped off the ears of ⁸**those who ran away from her army**. Then there were the ⁹**infamous** pair of Mary Read and Anne Bonny. They disguised themselves to look like boys and served on board the pirate Calico Jack's ship. Finally, there was Grace O'Malley who commanded a 20-ship fleet. She had been imprisoned for one and a half years and even managed to convince Queen Elizabeth 1 to ¹⁰**let her go** when her fleet was captured by the British navy.

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FOR TEACHER TO READ OUT TO CLASS:**QUESTIONS FOR TASK 1**

Your teacher is going to read out a series of questions. Skim and scan through the cover story Fearsome Female Pirates for answers to the questions. As soon as you find the answer to a question, put your hand up to say the answer out loud. SPEED IS IMPORTANT HERE!

1. How many female pirates are featured in the cover story? Name them.
2. Who amongst them strikes you as most fearsome?
3. Who amongst them were in disguise? What was their disguise?
4. Who amongst them had short hair?
5. Who amongst them served under a male pirate? What was his name?
6. Who amongst them met Queen Elizabeth 1?
7. Who amongst them gave up piracy for money?
8. Who amongst them commanded the biggest fleet of ships?

ANSWERS

Task 1

1. 4 – Ching Shih; Mary Read & Anne Bonny; Grace O’Malley
2. Ching Shih
3. Mary Read & Anne Bonny – disguised as boys
4. Grace O’Malley
5. Mary Read & Anne Bonny – served under Calico Jack
6. Grace O’Malley
7. Ching Shih
8. Ching Shih

Task 2

1. Because piracy was at its peak; because the pirates were most active during that period.
2. “bloodthirsty” pirates
3. They operated legally with their government’s permission; they were permitted to attack and rob the ships of their enemy countries.
4. Having women aboard their ships.
5. So that she could remain in power; a falling out with her stepson could mean she would lose control of her husband’s pirate ships.

Task 3

1. peak
2. merchant ships
3. bloodthirsty
4. corsairs
5. loot
6. formidable
7. beheaded
8. deserters
9. notorious
10. release her