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PIRATES OF THE PAST

AGES

Adults

Multigenerational

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Learn the truth about pirates of the past, and separate the myths and legends from the facts. If you are unable to locate a historian for your program, see Resources for some pirate documentaries. Modify the presentation or films for younger or multigenerational audiences. Could also be combined with Ahoy, Matey! Talk Like a Pirate Day on page 39 for a multigenerational event.



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MATERIALS AND PREPARATION

Materials:

- Computer/projector and screen
- Audience chairs

To prepare, identify pirate resources that best suit your audience (and to which your library has public viewing rights).

ADAPTATIONS:

For a passive program, display pirate resources and run a poll about pirate fact vs. fiction. This is also a good program to run over a virtual platform. Don't forget to include closed captioning and audiobooks

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UNIQUE SPACE OR PERSONNEL NEEDS

For outreach, consider local teachers or history organizations.

RESOURCES

Web

Pirate History Podcast: <https://bit.ly/3vrbVKV>

Pirate information and activities from *Pirate Attack*:
<https://bit.ly/3i1W3KP>

Pirate lessons from *Share My Lesson*: <https://bit.ly/3vtFMSL>

Movies

Smithsonian: The Real Story: Pirates of the Caribbean DVD. PBS (Direct), 2017.

History: True Caribbean Pirates DVD. Lionsgate, 2010.

National Geographic: National Geographic: Blackbeard—Terror at Sea DVD. National Geographic Video, 2006.

Books

Non-fiction

Pirates and Privateers in the 18th Century—The Final Flourish (2019) by Mike Rendell (adult)

Black Flags, Blue Waters: The Epic History of America's Most Notorious Pirates (2019) by Eric J. Dolin (adult)

The Last Pirate of New York: A Ghost Ship, a Killer, and the Birth of a Gangster Nation (2019) by Rich Cohen (adult)

Enemy of All Mankind—A True Story of Piracy, Power, and History's First Global Manhunt (2020) by Steve Johnson (adult)

Fiction

The Devil in Paradise: Captain Putnam in Hawaii (A Bliven Putnam Naval Adventure) (2019) by James L. Haley (adult)

In Search of Truth (Deadly Force #3) (2020) by Sharon Wray (adult)

Preacher's Frenzy (Preacher/First Mountain Man) (2019) by William W. Johnstone and J.A. Johnstone (adult)

The Sin in the Steel (The Fall of the Gods #1) (2020) by Ryan Van Loan (adult)

The Dragonfly Sea: A Novel (2019) by Yvonne Adhiambo Owuor (adult)