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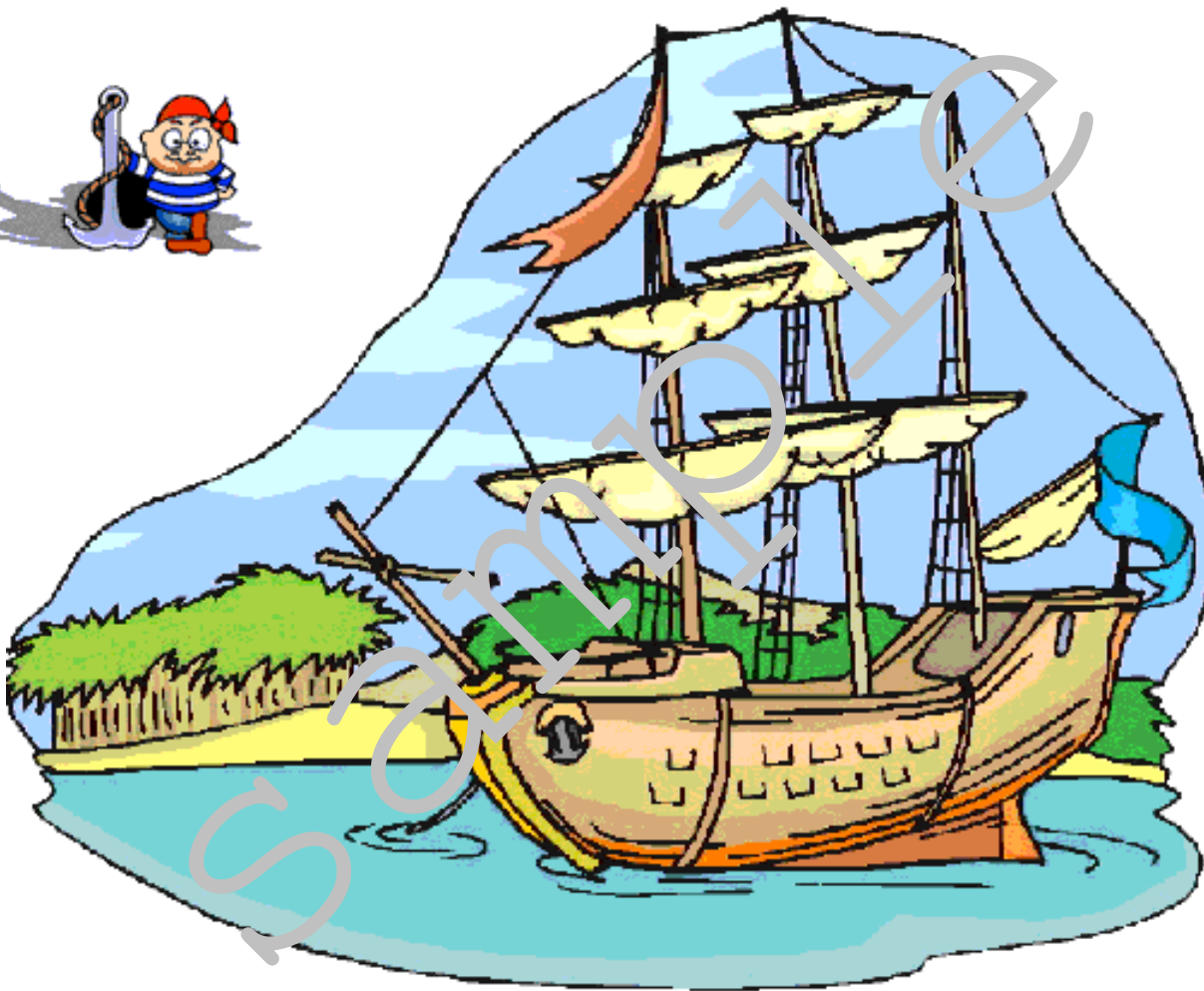
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Piracy returned to the Mediterranean area in about the 14th century. Arab pirates had bases along the northern coast of Africa. This area was called the Barbary Coast. They focused on attacking ships belonging to Christian countries. Pirates of Christian countries also attacked the Muslim ships. These attacks were based more on religion than on loot or booty, but the money was a very welcome bonus.

Pirates that were raiding with the permission of the government and sharing the loot with them in this area were called “corsairs.”



It was not until the late 18th and early 19th century that piracy was almost completely wiped out in the Mediterranean Sea. This was mostly a result of the countries in the area having steady governments and strong navies without periods of war.

Piracy has started to resurface in the areas along the east coast of Africa and the Mediterranean Sea. The pirates use several small motorized speed boats to raid the larger, slow moving ships. They usually rob the safe and crew and passengers of money and jewelry and then escape as fast as they came.

Read about pirates today in books or on the Internet. Write a little of what you learn.

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Pirates that raided the Spanish in the Caribbean area were called 'buccaneers'. They had secret permission from their governments to do so. They did not have letters of Marque. They also had less rules from the government to follow.

Pirates also made money by being paid by a town or government to stay away. This was called tribute. Buccaneers had many hiding places to chose from in all the little islands of the Caribbean.

Many of them made their bases on the islands of Haiti and Tortuga. They robbed Spanish galleons loaded with gold, silver, and slaves.



From the time of Queen Elizabeth I of England until the growth of a strong American naval patrol system in the middle 1800s, piracy was strong in this area of the world.

Pirates and buccaneers began to attack any ship they could get their hands on near the end of the 17th century. Vessels from the American colonies were seized as well as the European ones.

Slave ships from Africa were attacked. Their 'cargo' were either freed or sold by the pirates, depending on the captain's feelings about slavery.



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CRISS CROSS

Can you fit these words into the criss cross?
Use a pencil so you can erase if you need to.

pirates steal rob crew
swords ship cargo flag

