



## STORIES FROM THE SEA

## PIRATE OBJECTS



## CAPTAIN TEACH COMMONLY CALL'D BLACK BEARD

### Date made

1724-26

### Object ref.

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### Credit

National Maritime Museum

### Description

The famous pirate Blackbeard was an original 'pirate of the Caribbean'. Before going into battle to capture other ships and steal their cargoes, he put little pieces of gunpowder fuse in his hair and beard and lit them to make him look fierce. He was killed in 1718 in a raid led by Lieutenant Maynard. Maynard cut off his head and sailed back to base with it hung under the bowsprit of Blackbeard's own ship *Adventure*. Legend has it that his body swam three times round the ship...and drowned!

### Questions

1. Why do you think this pirate is called Blackbeard?
2. Can you see any clues in the picture that tell you he is a pirate?
3. How many chests and barrels can you see in the picture? What do you think might be inside them?