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Intro

Ahoy, me mateys! Arrr ye ready to see what a pirate's life is all about? This month we'll learn to read treasure maps, dive into the Caribbean Sea, and explore shipwreck sites. Join us for an epic adventure learning about the Golden Age of Piracy and discover the truth about these not-so-nice sailers. Arrrgh!





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Math

Beginner:

- Ahoy, matey! Practice problem solving to see if you can wake the sleeping [elephant pirate](#).
- How many coins did the pirate find? Let's try a fun [gold coin counting](#) activity.
- Wonder how pirates [measured](#) distance without rulers?

Intermediate:

- Let's play [Place Value Pirates](#)! Argh!
- [Add the coins](#) to see how much treasure you have.
- Imagine if 30 pirates train their parrot to talk, and $\frac{1}{2}$ of them get their parrot to say "Ahoy!" [How many parrots](#) learn to say "Ahoy!"?

Advanced:

- See if you can find or guess the correct [percentage](#) in this fun pirate game.
- Before you set sail, write the coordinates of the objects on this [treasure map](#).
- Now it's your turn to [map the seas](#)!



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Science & Geography

Beginner:

- Grab your compass! We're learning how to read a [treasure map](#).
- Let's go on a fizzy pirate treasure hunt. First, we need to make our [treasure](#).
- Ever wonder why pirates wear [eye patches](#)?

Intermediate:

- Take a trip to the [Caribbean](#) to learn about island life.
- With all that water around, it's good to know how to [waterproof your coins](#).
- Computers might be great at making maps, but we need to give them directions first. Discover how to [code a treasure map](#) by hand!

Advanced:

- Did pirates only sail in the Caribbean? Check out these [10 facts about pirates](#).
- Don't be fooled! Learn the difference between real gold and [fool's gold](#).
- Ready to make waves? Make your own [ocean in a bottle](#).





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Languages & Literature

Beginner:

- Say please! It's important even for pirates to be polite. Let's read along with [Are Pirates Polite?](#) by Corinne Demas and Artemis Roehrig.
- What are all the other kids cooking up for their pirate party? Find out in this fun [animated story](#).
- Ahoy! Let's [talk like pirates](#) today!

Intermediate:

- Think you know the pirate lingo? Try [unscrambling](#) these fun pirate terms.
- Can you find the famous pirate names in this challenging [word search](#)?
- Is a pirate's life for you? See if you can answer the comprehension questions after reading this [pirate passage](#).

Advanced:

- These pirates have a secret message for you! Can you solve the [crossword puzzle](#)?
- Ready, set, read! Review the [historical adventures](#) of pirates, then see how quickly you can answer the questions that follow.
- Ahoy, matey! Write a conversation between two pirates using these [pirate words](#) and phrases.

Writing prompt:

- Imagine if pirates from the 1700s were alive today. Write about a day in the life of a pirate in modern society.



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History & Culture

Beginner:

- Are ye ready to learn the truth about [pirates in history](#)?
- Do you think pirates really [buried treasure](#)?
- Where did pirates come from anyway? The talented [Mr. Q](#) explains.
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Intermediate:

- Get to know the most [famous pirates](#) of all time!
- Treasure hunting time! Check out the artifacts uncovered from a real [pirate shipwreck](#).
- In fact, some [shipwreck sites](#) have reef systems that actually help the habitat.

Advanced:

- This month we made Caribbean-Style Jerk Chicken, but do you ever wonder why we call it "[jerk](#)" chicken?
- Land ho! Click through the [interactive map](#) to learn about the historical adventures of pirates in the Caribbean.
- Pirates didn't always have it easy. In this Ted Talk, [Tom Nash](#) may not be a real pirate, but he knows what it's like to overcome adversity.



Creative Exercise

Write a song you'd sing if you were the captain of a large pirate ship.



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Arts & Crafts

Beginner:

- Argh! Make your own [pirate flag](#) to hang for your next pirate party!
- It's not a pirate party without [pirate hats](#)!
- Ready for a hidden treasure story? Let's make [pirate bookmarks](#) first!

Intermediate:

- In this fun game, you get to craft your own [treasure map](#)!
- Grab your crayons and follow along to [draw Polly](#) the parrot.
- Okay mates, it's time to transform a medium delivery box into a mighty [pirate ship](#)!

Advanced:

- Don't get lost at sea! Learn to make your own [compass](#).
- Scan the open waters for other ships using your DIY [refracting telescope](#).
- Arrr ye ready for a challenge? Try your hand at folding this decorative [pirate ship](#).





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Field Trips

- Ready for an [adventure](#) with Miss Penny? We're off to explore a pirate ship, read a treasure map, and fight for the key to the treasure chest!
- The Caribbean might have its fair share of pirate shipwrecks, but the Great Lakes are home to many other types of shipwrecks. Let's [dive in](#) to explore.
- What treasures do you think we'll find in the [Pirate Museum](#) in St. Augustine?

