

Mad about... Pirates

Jack Rackham ▶

Flag: skull and crossed swords

Flag meaning: surrender or die

Pirate activity: 1718–1720

Famous for: having a relationship with the famous female pirate, Anne Bonny

Did you know: He was also known as 'Calico Jack' because he liked to wear colourful calico cotton.



◀ Henry Avery

Flag: skull and crossbones, with skull wearing a bandana

Flag meaning: death

Pirate activity: 1694

Famous for: being one of the most successful of all pirates

Did you know: Avery stole lots of treasure as a pirate, but he died without a penny.



Bartholomew Roberts ▶

Flag: pirate drinking with a skeleton

Flag meaning: I toast the devil with a drink

Pirate activity: 1719–1722

Famous for: being forced to become a pirate when his merchant ship was captured

Did you know: Roberts was a very successful pirate who captured over 470 merchant ships. His nickname was Black Bart.





Blackbeard ▶

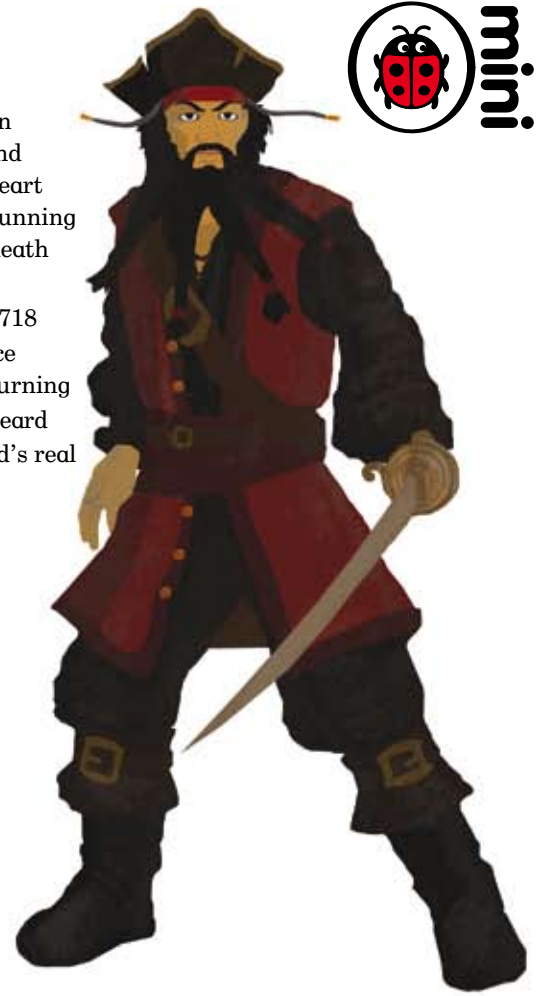
Flag: devil-like skeleton holding an hourglass and arrow, and a bleeding heart

Flag meaning: time is running out for you – a painful death is coming

Pirate activity: 1716–1718

Famous for: being a fierce pirate who fought with burning matches in his hair and beard

Did you know: Blackbeard's real name was Edward Teach.



◀ Thomas Tew

Flag: arm holding a sword

Flag meaning: power

Pirate activity: 1692-1695

Famous for: robbing many merchant ships in the Red Sea

Did you know: Tew was hit by a cannonball during a battle and died from his injuries.



Christopher Moody ▶

Flag: red flag showing hourglass with wings, skull and crossbones, and arm with dagger

Flag meaning:

surrender or face death

Pirate activity: 1713-1718

Famous for: his colourful red flag

Did you know: Christopher Moody's red flag showed sailors that he would kill everyone on board.

