

# The History of Pirates



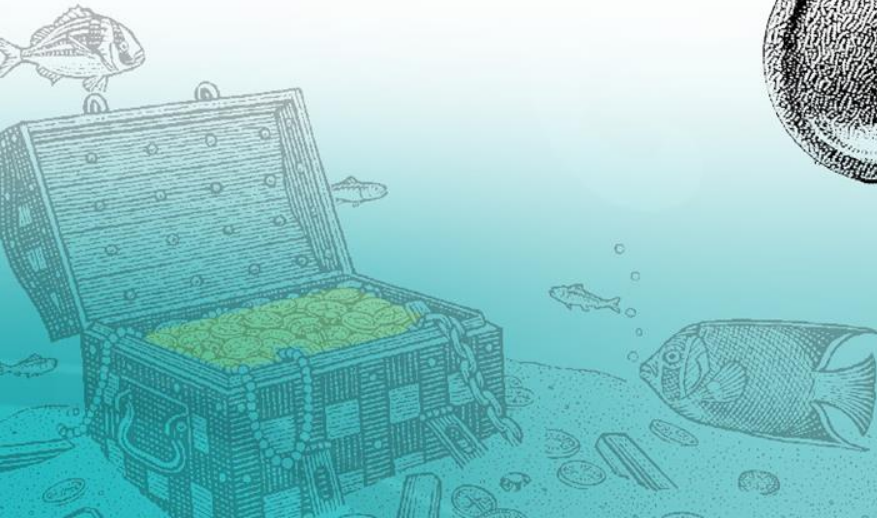
# Who were pirates?

- Pirates were robbers who roamed the seas and stole from other ships.
- Men became pirates for all sorts of reasons.



# Who were pirates?

- Some thought a pirate's life was full of adventure.
- Lots of men thought there would be plenty of precious treasure.
- Many thought the life was easy.



# The Golden Age

- Three hundred years ago, thousands of pirates sailed around the world. It was called the Golden Age of Piracy.
- The Caribbean Sea was very popular with pirates because there were many small islands.



# Who was in the crew?



The captain was the leader. He was chosen by the crew.



The quartermaster punished pirates and shared out booty.




The helmsman steered the ship.



The cook was often an old pirate who had been injured and could not fight.

# The Pirate Code

Every pirate had to agree to a strict set of rules before they could join a ship and go on a voyage.

A dark blue pirate flag with a skull and a sword. The skull is in the center, wearing a black eye patch over its right eye. A sword is positioned diagonally across the flag, with the blade pointing towards the top left and the hilt towards the bottom right. The background of the slide is a light blue gradient with a faint, larger skull and sword graphic.

This was known as The Pirate Code.

# The Pirate Code



Pirates had to keep their weapons clean so they were ready if needed in action.



All pirates had to fight bravely in battle.



Pirates were not allowed to fight each other on board the ship.



Pirates needed to go to sleep early: on some ships lights out was at about 8pm.

# The Pirate Code



Any pirates who did not obey the code were punished.



Sometimes the punishment took place on board the ship.

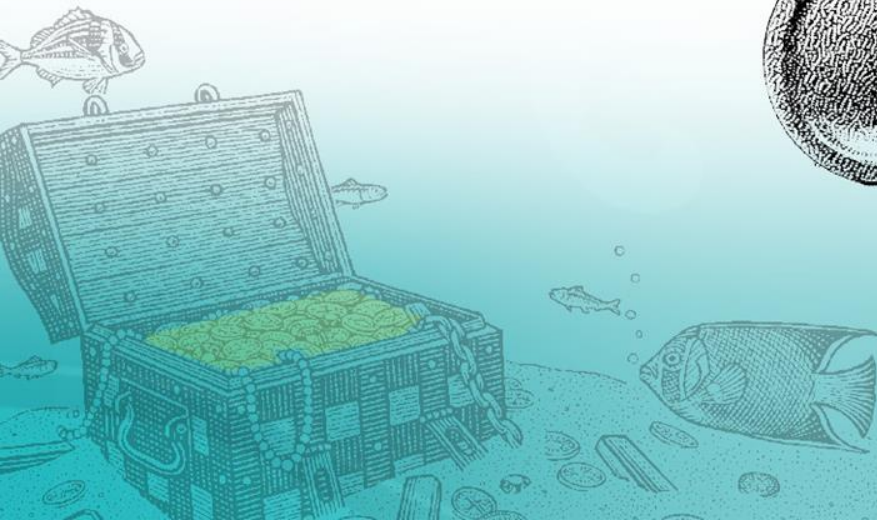


One of the worst punishments was called marooning. A pirate would be left without food on a desert island.



# Pirate Clothing

- Pirates wore rough clothes or clothes they had stolen.
- They liked to wear their best clothes when they were ashore.
- Some of their clothing was very practical.

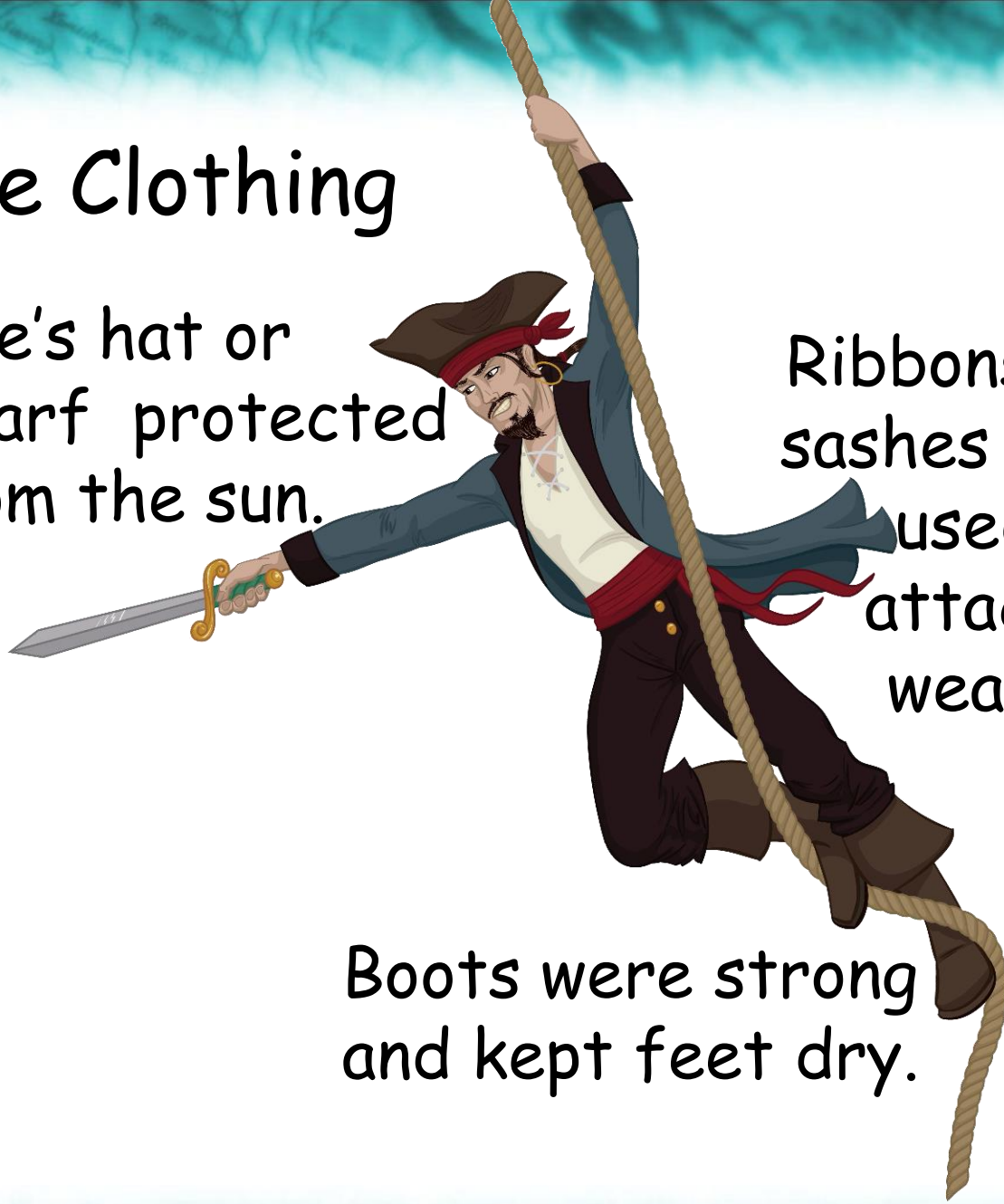


# Pirate Clothing

A pirate's hat or headscarf protected him from the sun.

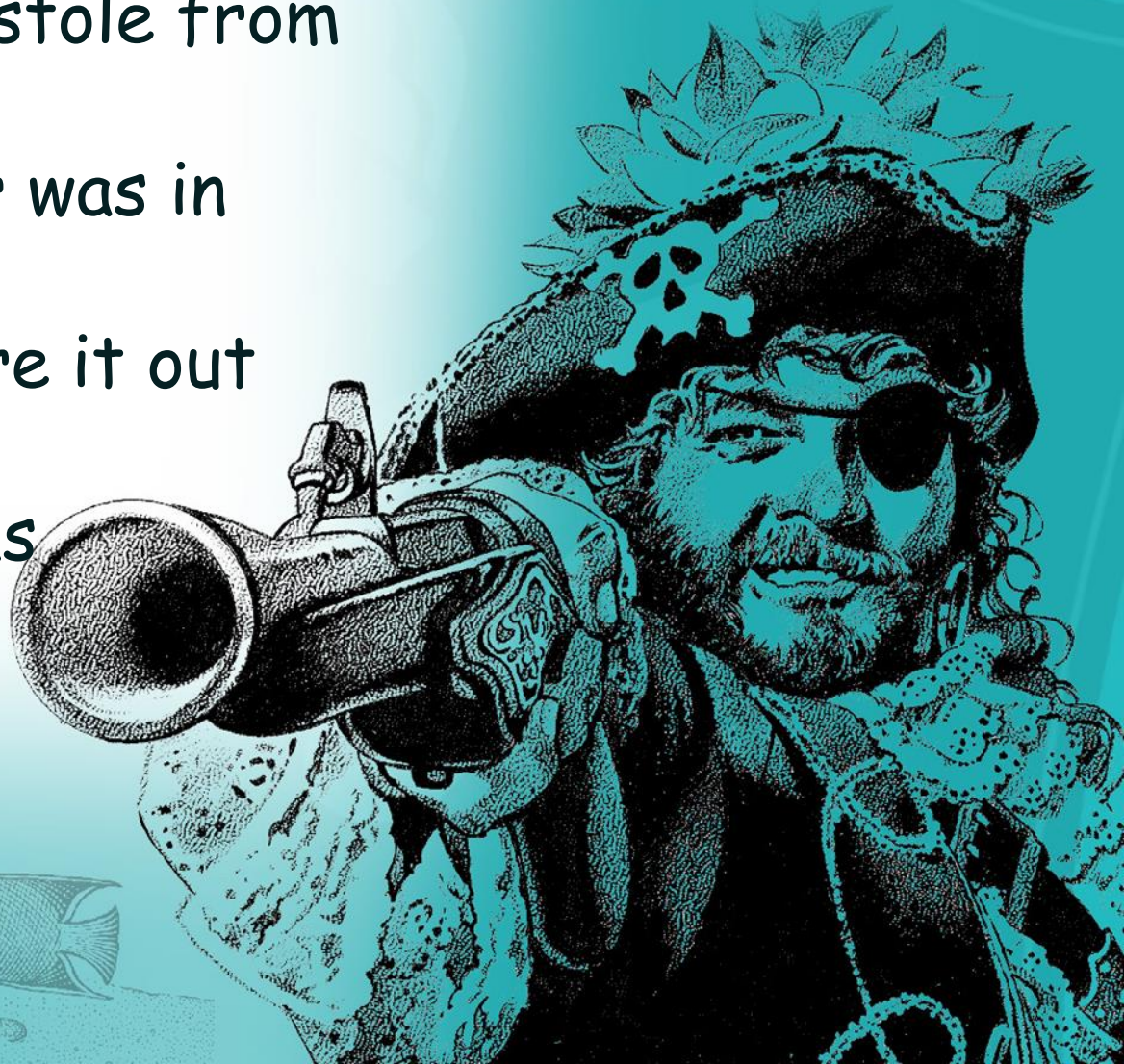
Ribbons and sashes were used for attaching weapons.

Boots were strong and kept feet dry.



# Booty

- Booty was the name given to the things pirates stole from others.
- The quartermaster was in charge of booty.
- His job was to share it out among the crew.
- A captured ship was called a 'prize'.



# Booty



Gold coins were the most popular booty as they were easy to share out.



Gold, silver and jewels were the most precious kinds of booty.



Pirates also took things from the prize that were useful. They often took sails, clothes, food and tools. They would often set the enemy crew adrift on a small boat.

# What happened to pirates?

- The British Navy needed to take action as many ships were attacked by pirates.
- Big warships hunted down pirates and captured them.
- Many pirates were put on trial for their crimes.
- The Golden Age ended with many pirates being captured and killed.

