

Modern Pirate Attacks

RED SEA PIRATES

March 2007

Pirates fired guns at a ship in the Red Sea. A navy ship came to help. The pirates were captured.

Cruise Ship Attacked

NOVEMBER 2005



This weapon hit the ship.

Pirates in speedboats attacked a cruise ship near Somalia. One crew member was hurt.



This soldier helped people on the cruise ship.

Ships Collide

September 1992

Pirates attacked an oil tanker. They threw the crew overboard. The pirates left the ship sailing at full speed. There was no-one to steer it. It crashed into another ship, and 51 sailors died.



March 2003

Pirates attacked a supertanker in the Strait of Malacca. They did not steal cargo or hurt the crew. The pirates wanted to learn how to steer the ship.

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Introduction

The Importance of Reading Nonfiction Texts

We live in a world in which we are surrounded by text that is written to convey specific information. Knowing how to read, comprehend, and respond to this informational text is a critical part of achieving and maintaining success in both school and society. Informational text is what helps us better understand the natural and social world. This is why it is so important to expose students to a wide variety of informational texts. Reading and enjoying informational text can—and should—begin at an early age, when children are fascinated by their surroundings and eager to learn more about the world. By reading informational text, students develop stronger literacy skills, build their vocabulary, and expand their content knowledge.

It is no secret that children typically spend more time watching videos and playing games on tablets than they do reading books. In addition, much of the reading content they are exposed to is fiction-based. Higher-level educational institutions have discovered that most students are not prepared to read and analyze complex nonfiction text or write a well-researched essay—skills that are essential for college and career readiness. Help students improve their informational literacy skills by providing them access to an assortment of nonfiction texts.

Raiders at Sea is a nonfiction book about pirate life on the open ocean. The book is full of information about pirate life at sea, treasure, and past and modern-day pirates. and contains features that will engage and inform readers. It will help bring young children one step closer to becoming competent readers of informational texts.



Name:

ACTIVITY 1

In the Paper

Directions: Read the newspaper articles on pages 22 and 23 in the book. Use the information to fill in the table below.

Title	Date	Where It Happened	What Happened
Red Sea Pirates			
	September 1992		
			pirates attacked a supertanker because they wanted to learn how to steer a ship