

PIRATE TREASURE COLLAGE

Social Studies / Art activity

Before beginning this activity, have a discussion about what type of treasure children would most value. Consider money, health, happiness, beauty, time with family and friends, and other “treasures.” Then invite young pirates to make their own treasure chests. For this activity, children will need:

- Old magazines
- White paper
- Safety scissors
- Glue sticks

Have children look through the magazines and cut out the treasure of their choosing. Glue cut out images onto white paper, making sure edges overlap. Mount the collages for a class treasure display, or decorate a cardboard box “treasure chest” and place the collages inside.

UNSHUNKEN TREASURE

Community Service

Invite young pirates to bring in nonperishable foods to fill a “treasure chest” for a local food bank.

PIRATE BY DESIGN

A Quick Activity

Inspired by the illustrations in the book, draw a picture of yourself as a pirate. What kind of hat, shirt, pants, and expression would you wear? When your picture is finished, think of a cool pirate name and write it beneath the drawing (see “Pirate Name Chart” in EVERYTHING I KNOW ABOUT PIRATES).

**GIRL
PIRATES
RULE!**



Children's books by

TOM LICHTENHELD



WHAT'S WITH THIS ROOM?

A very messy room. A very perturbed mom. And a very bright boy who has an excuse for every pile of smelly clothes and every lump of putrid junk that fills his room. But in the end, it all blows up in his face, and he has to come clean.



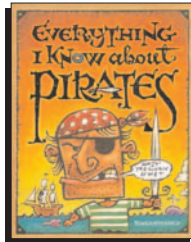
WHAT ARE YOU SO GRUMPY ABOUT?

Boring presents...weird food...too many chores! There are **lots** of things for a kid to get grumpy about. But this book will get you laughing at your very own grumpiness!



EVERYTHING I KNOW ABOUT CARS

Did you know that cars were really invented by horses? Or that souped-up cars actually contain no soup at all? Discover these and many other made-up facts in this book full of high-speed hilarity about all things automotive.



EVERYTHING I KNOW ABOUT PIRATES

Avast!! Arrgh! Yar!! Not only do pirates talk funny, they look funny too. Especially in this book, which is packed to the gunnels with silly pictures and nautical nonsense about bad guys of the high seas. Newsweek named it one of the best kids books of 2000. Yar!



EVERYTHING I KNOW ABOUT MONSTERS

Monsters are fun because we make them up ourselves. And this book has every kind of silly made-up monster imaginable. From the Sock Stealer to the Belchblaster to the Swamp Thang who lost his floatie, these creepy creatures are so much fun, it's scary!



PIRATE PASTIMES

A COLLECTION OF SEAFARING

ACTIVITIES

EXPRESSLY CONTRIVED FOR SCHOOLS,
LIBRARIES *And* PURVEYORS OF LITERATURE

BASED ON THE BOOK

EVERYTHING I KNOW ABOUT PIRATES

BY TOM LICHTENHELD



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Prepare for some pirate revelry with an event featuring **EVERYTHING I KNOW ABOUT PIRATES**, the funny and fantastical picture book by Tom Lichtenheld. With hilarious text and exuberant illustrations, it's the perfect launching point for an exploration of pirates, maritime history, pirate literature, and adventures of the imagination.

Set the stage for Pirate Adventures!

- Decorate your walls with posters of sailing ships, sea scenes, and maps (especially Atlantic coast, New England, and the Caribbean).
- Play sea shanties and other folk songs, or the soundtrack to Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance."
- Invite children to come in pirate attire.

CAPTURED OFF THE COAST

Geography activity

Coastal New England States, the Carolinas, Nova Scotia, and the Caribbean Islands were hotbeds of pirate activity. Ask children to choose a coastal city or island, then imagine they are passengers aboard a ship that has been taken over by pirates. The pirates steal the ship and leave the passengers at the chosen location. Using a map, atlas, and/or other resources, have children write short paragraphs describing what they and the other abandoned passengers see in the place where they have been left. Children should be sure to include the name of the locations, the rivers, mountains, trees, flowers, and other landmarks they see.

TERRIFIC TREASURE MAPS

Cartography/art activity

For this activity, you will need:

- White craft paper
- Pens, pencils or crayons
- A pitcher of warm water
- Tea bags – or brown watercolor paint and pieces of old sponge
- Twine

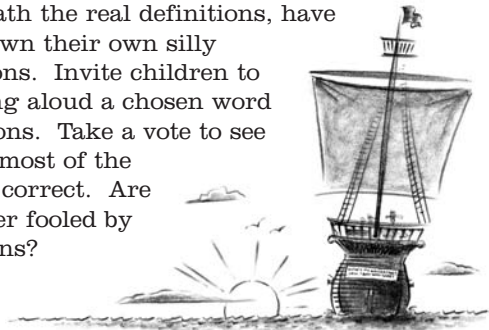
Place teabags or sponge pieces in the pitcher. Instruct your young pirates to imagine that they have just buried a treasure somewhere in the building, and then draw maps leading from the starting point to the treasure. When maps are completed, lightly rub teabags over the paper – or dip sponges lightly in brown paint and rub over the paper to create a water-stained effect. Cut or tear edges of paper to make the maps look even older. After they have dried, roll "aged" maps into tube shapes and tie with twine.

WILD WORDS

Vocabulary activity

Bounty	Map	Privateer
Buccaneer	Maroon	Silver
Cutlass	Mate	Spyglass
Galleon	Mutiny	Sunken
Gold	Pirate	Treasure
Loot	Plunder	Vessel

Ask your young pirates to note how many of the above words they can define and which words they would like to know more about (refer to glossary in **EVERYTHING I KNOW ABOUT PIRATES**). Distribute sheets of paper. Ask each pirate to write down the three most interesting words (or assign two to three words to each), look up their definitions in a dictionary, and write them beside the words. Beneath the real definitions, have children write down their own silly made-up definitions. Invite children to take turns reading aloud a chosen word and both definitions. Take a vote to see which definition most of the group believes is correct. Are young pirates ever fooled by the silly definitions?



THE STARTLING STORY OF PIRATE SAL

Creative writing activity

Have children use this title for their own short pirate adventure stories. Children must be sure to include five or more of the words from the above list. When the stories are finished, have children read them aloud or collect them to create a book entitled "The Startling Stories of Pirate Sal."

MARAUDING MARINERS WORD SCARBMEL

Can you unscramble the following pirate words?

YTUMIN	SLAUCTS	RLPDNUE
ACUEBECNR	GELNOLA	EPAERRVIT
OGDL	RONAMO	SASGLSYP
TONYUB	TIREPA	

OUTRAGEOUS EXPLANATION POSTERS

Creative writing activity

In the style of author/illustrator Tom Lichtenheld, invite each young pirate to choose an unfamiliar topic (such as knights, cowboys, or magicians) then create an informative poster as if he/she was an expert on the subject. Encourage children to use written paragraphs, drawings, diagrams, and labels on their extraordinary posters.

TALLY UP THE TREASURE

Math activity

Invite children to bring in costume jewelry, chocolate coins, small toys, and other "treasure" or cut coins, necklaces, swords and other "treasure" from construction paper. Use sticky notes to assign a value to each object. Instead of dollars, value treasure in doubloons. Then:

1. Ask pirates to tally up the cost of all the treasure.
2. Have pirates organize the treasure from most to least valuable.
3. Have pirates divide treasure into two or more piles of equal value.
4. Give each pirate three items and ask them to give their total value. Children can then trade treasures for items of equal value.