



**STORIES
FROM
THE SEA**

SHIPWRECK OBJECTS



FEMALE FIGUREHEAD (FRENCH)

Date made

Late 18th century

Object ref.

FHD0078; [D4730]

Credit

National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London

Description

This figurehead is believed to come from a wreck in Cornwall, though nothing definite is known of its origins. The style of dress the figure is wearing suggests it probably comes from a French ship, possibly of the 1770s to 1790s.

Questions

1. Can you write an account of a shipwreck from a figurehead's point of view?
2. What figurehead would you choose for your own ship?
3. How would your figurehead tell the story of a storm at sea? Would it be frightened? Brave?