PIRATE OBJECTS

STORIES FROM THE SEA

MACAW

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About 1800 - 1850

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Description
In stories pirates often have pet parrots who sit on their shoulder and talk. This is because of a very famous pirate story called Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stephenson. Sometimes pirates did have pet parrots because parrots are very beautiful, clever and friendly animals. Sometimes the parrot was the treasure; it could be sold for lots of money. This parrot is called a blue-and-yellow macaw.

Questions
1. Some parrots can learn to talk! Can you think of any famous things a parrot might say?
2. If you were a pirate’s parrot what would you say?
3. If you were a pirate and you had a pet parrot what would you call it?