PIRATE OBJECTS

STORIES FROM THE SEA

ROYAL NAVAL UNIFORM: PATTERN 1748–67

Date made
About 1748

Object ref.
UNI0004

Credit
National Maritime Museum

Description
This coat would have belonged to a lieutenant in the Royal Navy. It is made of wool and velvet with brass buttons. Pirates would literally steal coats like these off sailors’ backs!

Questions
1. Do you think this coat would keep a pirate warm and dry?
2. How do you think you might feel if you wore this coat? Smart? Important? Silly?
3. Do people still wear coats a bit like this today?