



## STORIES FROM THE SEA

## PIRATE OBJECTS



### LIEUT TURNER & BOATS CREW OF THE SHIP TEA, MADE PRISONERS BY THE LADRONE PIRATES

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National Maritime Museum

#### Description

In the early 1800s, the Ladrone pirates were led by the powerful Chinese woman pirate, Ching Shih. She commanded hundreds of junks crewed by thousands of pirate men, women and even children. They terrorized the China Sea and challenged the empires of the time, such as the British, Portuguese and the Qing dynasty. Undefeated, she would become one of China and Asia's strongest pirates, and one of world history's most powerful ones.

#### Questions

1. What do you think is happening in this picture?
2. What do you think happened just before and just after this moment?
3. Look closely, can you tell which people in the picture might be the pirates?