



STORIES FROM THE SEA

PIRATE OBJECTS



PIRATE WILLIAM KIDD BURIES TREASURE ON GARDINER'S ISLAND

Date made

20th century

Object ref

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Credit (photo)

National Maritime Museum

Description

This colourful print shows pirate captain William Kidd burying a treasure chest and assorted loot on Gardiner's Island, just off New York. It is believed that Captain Kidd left buried treasure in many different places. None has been found. After Kidd was hanged at Execution Dock, London, in 1701, Queen Anne gave his remaining wealth - £6472 - to help build Greenwich Hospital for Seamen (now the Old Royal Naval College).

Questions

1. What can you see in this picture that tells you this is a pirate?
2. What is happening in the background?
3. What do you think happened just before this picture? What do you think will happen next?