



STORIES FROM THE SEA

PIRATE OBJECTS



SWORD

Date made

1796-1821

Object ref.

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Credit

Great Yarmouth Museums

Description

This sword was found buried near a church in Lowestoft. The blade is curved to make it easier to fight with in small spaces like inside a ship. It is very sharp and is a fearsome weapon. There is a lion's head on the sword's grip.

Questions

1. Why do you think there is a lion on the sword? What creature would you put on your sword?
2. Using a sword takes lots of practice. What could a pirate do to practice using their sword?
3. Some swords in stories have names. Do you know the names of any? What would you call your sword?