



## STORIES FROM THE SEA

## PIRATE OBJECTS



### ROYAL NAVAL UNIFORM HAT

#### Date made

1795

#### Object ref.

UNI0082

#### Credit

National Maritime Museum

#### Description

Hats like these were worn in the late 1700s and 1800s by officers in the navy. This hat is made of beaver felt and has been covered in glazed linen to help to waterproof it. Pirates would have stolen any clothes they could from the people on board the ships they captured. A hat like this would have been a real prize!

#### Questions

1. Why do you think pirates wore hats like this?
2. Do people wear hats like this today?
3. How might wearing a hat like this make you feel? Important? Smart? Old-fashioned? Silly?