



STORIES FROM THE SEA

SHIPWRECK OBJECTS



GLASS WINE BOTTLE ENCRUSTED WITH BARNACLES

Date made

about 1750–80

Object ref.

GRYEH : 1967.325

Credit

Great Yarmouth Museums

Description

In 1782 the 100-gun warship *Royal George* rolled over and sank while being repaired outside Portsmouth. Around 900 people drowned, including women and children who were visiting the sailors. The ship was filled with supplies when she sank, including lots of bottles of wine. This bottle was found in 1840 by divers trying to salvage valuable items from the ship. It had been at the bottom of the sea for over 50 years.

Questions

1. Imagine you were watching when the *Royal George* sank. Write a letter home telling everyone about it.
2. Why do you think the divers picked up this empty bottle?
3. Imagine you are on a sinking ship: what could you do to survive?