

Digital Resources for Teaching Pirates and Piracy in World History

The most successful pirate in world history was Ching Shih (aka, Cheng I Sao, Cheng Yat-Sou or Zheng Yi Sao) who took control of her dead husband's South China Seas pirate syndicate, 1801-1810, to control 1,800 ships and 80,000 men.

Chinese piracy and the prostitute who became the greatest pirate of them all – Real History



Figure 1: Chinese pirate Zheng Yi Sao from *History of the Pirates of All Nations* (1836). Wikimedia Commons. Public Domain.

In contrast, famed pirate Blackbeard captained 4 ships and 300 pirates. Additionally, world historians claim that non-Western pirates and piracy are much more vast, complex, and encompassing, dwarfing the history of pirates and piracy in the West, which could be a theme - a truth - for most any historical topic. That being said, when positing Western history one could always compare and contrast to non-Western history, culture, and science in our world history curriculums.

“She was absolutely, unquestionably the greatest pirate who ever lived,” says Laura Sook Duncombe, author of *Pirate Women: The Princesses, Prostitutes, and Privateers Who Ruled the Seven Seas* (Chicago: Chicago Review Press, 2017).¹ “She pirated longer. She made more money. She surrendered of her own free will, got to keep her money, and live out the rest of her days in freedom, as opposed to being [cornered] and murdered by a government like Blackbeard was.”²

The Chinese Female Pirate Who Commanded 80,000 Outlaws - Atlas Obscura



Figure 2: View of Canton c. 1800. Wikimedia Commons. Public Domain.

In the West the image implanted in students’ memories when piracy and pirates are “taught” is of a white, male swashbuckler like Johnny Depp, er, maybe, but surely Blackbeard, Captain Kidd, etc.

How this Database is Organized

With that historiography in mind, this annotated database attempts to collect Western AND non-Western digital resources, plus incorporates gender resources on pirates and piracy in world history. Another theme sprinkled throughout this article is how some historians, anthropologists, and economists have recently compared piracy to modern day intellectual piracy and virtual monopolies. Also, some have portrayed the pirate and piracy as a subsistence activity. The last section on Pirates and Hydrarchy leans toward that historiography.

The database is divided into major sections: Women, Lesson Plans, Teaching Syllabi, All regions and eras, Caribbean, Atlantic Coast, English Coast, Red Sea/Gulf of Aden, Persian Gulf, Mediterranean, Vikings, Indian Ocean, South China Sea, Antarctic/Southern Ocean, River and Lake pirates, and Pirates and Hydrarchy with subheadings that allow for quicker and specific navigation.

Many of these sites were chosen for their stability, but others, such as exhibits, may no longer be available. In most cases, the solution for a site that is no longer “live”

at that URL address is to load the title of the item into a search engine to find it elsewhere.

Women, Gender, Families & Communities

Women: All Eras

The Active Scrawler: Female pirates: mythological, fictional and real

Rosalie Fitzpatrick, "Female Pirates: mythological, fictional and real," *The Active Scrawler blog*, October 27, 2012.

Pirates in Petticoats

"Pirates in Petticoats," *Geni*, accessed May 28, 2024.

Female Pirates - Pirates of the Caribbean

Tobias Gibson, "Female Pirates," *hegewisch.net*, updated September 4, 2022. See more on Pirates of the Caribbean from Tobias Gibson, below:

Pirates of the Caribbean - A Comprehensive Guide

Tobias Gibson, "Pirates of the Caribbean - A Comprehensive Guide," *hegewisch.net*, accessed May 27, 2024.

Women: Ancient

Artemisia I of Caria

7:46 podcast and article. Joshua J. Mark, "Artemisia I of Caria," *World History Encyclopedia*, March 12, 2014. Queen of state in what is now, modern day Turkey who was admiral of ships fighting with Xerxes Persia against Greece. Greek Thessalus described her as an unscrupulous pirate and a schemer. Was she a pirate queen or a brave queen and admiral of the Carian fleet?

Bing Videos - Lady Behind the Legend - Artemisia I of Caria

12:46 video. "Lady Behind the Legend - Artemisia I of Caria," *Captain Crow's Eye*, published on *You Tube*, January 16, 2023.

Bing Videos - The Pirate Queen who fought the Romans

12:57 video. "The Pirate Queen who fought the Romans," *The History Guy*, published on *You Tube*, October 14, 2019. Illyrian pirate queen, Teuta, 3rd century BCE, who battled the Romans for control of the Adriatic Sea.

Ancient Piracy and Teuta: The Illyrian Pirate Queen

William McLaughlin, "Ancient Piracy and Teuta: The Illyrian Pirate Queen," *War History Online*, June 10, 2016.

Teuta Of Illyria: The Ancient Queen Who Went To War With Rome

Aimee Lamoureux, "Teuta of Illyria: The Ancient Queen Who Went to War With Rome," *All that's interesting*, June 22, 2018. Queen Teuta of the Adriatic east coast Ardiaei tribe of Illyria, today Albania and Montenegro.

Pirates & Privateers: Alfhild Princess and Viking

Cindy Vallar, "Princess and Viking," *Pirates & Privateers: The History of Maritime Piracy*, November 2007. Alfhild, 9th century Goth/Viking princess turned pirate.

Women: 1200–1450

The Incredible Story of a 14th Century French Female Pirate: The Lioness of Brittany, Jeanne de Clisson

Tom Daly, "The Incredible Story of a 14th Century French Female Pirate: The Lioness of Brittany, Jeanne de Clisson," *History is Now Magazine*, October 20, 2020.

Jeanne De Clisson, The Female Pirate Who Vowed Revenge Against France

Daniel Rennie, "Jeanne De Clisson, The Female Pirate Who Vowed Revenge Against France," *All That's Interesting*, May 16, 2018, updated August 7, 2018. Jeanne de Clisson, 1300-1359, wife of executed French Brittany nobleman, vowed revenge upon the French King and his nobility and pillaged French naval ships during the Hundred Years War. Her main area of piracy fighting for the English against the French was off the Coast of Normandy with her "Black Fleet" of 3 privateer ships.

Women: 1450–1700

5 Female Pirates Who Ruled The Seas

Madeline Hiltz, "5 Female Pirates Who Ruled the Seas," *The Vintage News*, May 28, 2021. The 5 female pirates described were Jeanne de Clisson, 1300-1359, French noblewoman, Sayyida al Hurra, 1485-1560, Mediterranean pirate, Anne Bonny, born in Ireland, 1698, Mary Read, born in late 17th century England, and Lo Hon-Cho, brief pirate career from 1920-1922.

The Pirate Queen of the Mediterranean: The Story of Al-Sayyida al-Hurra

Adam Ali, "The Pirate Queen of the Mediterranean: The Story of Al-Sayyida al-Hurra," *Medievalists.net*, August 2022. Western Mediterranean, 1500's.

Bing Videos - Al-Sayyida al-Hurra, The Islamic Pirate Queen

25:36 video. "Al-Sayyida al-Hurra, The Islamic Pirate Queen," by *The Cultural Jinni* (A History & Cultural Channel, in *Dark Side of History*, published on *You Tube*, July 24,

2022. al-Hurra controlled the western Mediterranean with Turkish pirate ally Hayrettin Barbarossa, who plied the eastern Mediterranean in the 1500's.

Pirates & Privateers: The History of Maritime Piracy - Grace O'Malley

Cindy Vallar, "Granuaile (also known as Grace O'Malley) Irish Pirate," *Pirates & Privateers: The History of Maritime Piracy*, 2001. Grace O'Malley, 16th century Irish coast female pirate, 1530-1603.

Women at the Helm: Rewriting Maritime History through Female Pirate Identity and Agency

Wendy Vencel, "Women at the Helm: Rewriting Maritime History through Female Pirate Identity and Agency," Butler University Digital Commons, Honors Thesis, 2018, 42 pages. Atlantic-based Golden Age piracy (1650-1720) and female pirates.

Women and English piracy 1540 1720 partners and victims of crime

Katherine McAlpine, "Women and English piracy, 1540-1720: Partners and Victims of Crime," *Journal for Maritime Research*, Vol. 18, no. 1, 2016, 55-57.

Women and English Piracy, 1540-1720

John C. Appleby, "Women and English Piracy, 1540-1720," Boydell & Brewer publishers, 2013. See chapters.

Pirates, Seafarers, and Female sexuality in the 17th and 18th Centuries

Giovanna Colasanto, "Pirates, Seafarers, and Female Sexuality in the 17th and 18th Centuries," Course paper, May 22, 2022, uploaded to *Academia* by Giovanna Colasanto. Interaction of pirates and seafarers with women.

Piracy, Slavery, and Assimilation: Women in Early Modern Captivity Literature

David C. Moberly, "Piracy, Slavery, and Assimilation: Women in Early Modern Captivity Literature," MA Thesis, Dissertations, Theses, and Student Research, Digital Commons @ University of Nebraska-Lincoln, English Department, April 2011, 65 pages.

Women, Crime and Piracy in the Early Modern English Popular Imagination

Lisa Lillie, "Women, Crime, and Piracy in the Early Modern English Popular Imagination," Chapter in Roxie J. James and Kathryn Lane, eds., *Criminals as Heroes in Popular Culture*, 2020, 24 pages. The early modern woman pirate was ripe for popular consumption as sources of female empowerment, 1540-1750.

Forging and Iron Woman: Piracy's effects on gender roles and other social conditions in the 18th-century Caribbean, particularly in the cases of Anne Bonny & Mary Read

Christine Hernandez, "Forging an Iron Woman: Piracy's effects on gender roles and other social conditions in the 18th-century Caribbean, particularly in the cases of Anne Bonny & Mary Read," *Vanderbilt Undergrad Research Journal*, Vol. 5, no. 1, Spring 2009, 7 pages.

Women: 1700–1900

Dragon Lady of the South China Sea: Cheng I Sao, Woman Commander of China's Pirate Confederacy

1:03:17 Podcast and 1:02:03 video clip. Marissa Rhodes, "Dragon Lady of the South China Sea: Cheng/Sao, Woman Commander of China's Pirate Confederacy," Views of the Past, *DIG podcasts*, published on *You Tube*, May 30, 2021. Commanding 70,000 to 80,000 pirates and 1800 ships, 1801-1810, Cheng/Sao (Ching Shih) was world's greatest, most powerful pirate.

Bing Videos - When Pirates Ruled Asia: 1000 Vicious Years of Chinese and Japanese Piracy

1:06:09 video documentary. "When Pirates Ruled Asia: 1000 Vicious Years of Chinese and Japanese Piracy," published on *You Tube*, May 30 2021. Focus on famous Chinese female pirate Zheng Shi.

Bing Videos - Ching Shih - The Pirate Queen

22:32 documentary video. "Ching Shih - The Pirate Queen," *Biographics*, published on *You Tube*, November 20, 2020. South China Seas dreaded female pirate leader, 1801-1810.

Ching Shih – From Prostitute to Infamous Female Pirate

4:52 video and article. M.R. Reese, "Ching Shih - From Prostitute to Infamous Female Pirate," *Ancient Origins*, updated November 12, 2020.

Bing Videos - The Most Successful Pirate of All Time

5:17 animated video. Dian Murray, "The Most Successful Pirate of All Time," *TED Ed*, published on *You Tube*, April 2, 2018. Ching Shih, 1801-1810.

Bing Videos - Epic Moments in History - Ching Shih, Rise of the Pirate Queen

13:58 video. "Epic Moments in History - Ching Shih, Rise of the Pirate Queen," *Invicta*, published on *You Tube*, July 3, 2019.

Ching Shih – From Prostitute to Infamous Female Pirate

4:52 video and article. M.R. Reese, "Ching Shih - From Prostitute to Infamous Female Pirate," *Ancient Origins*, updated November 12, 2020.

A Chinese Woman Led the Largest and Most Successful Pirate Fleet in History

6:37 podcast and article. Blake Stilwell, "A Chinese Woman Led the Largest and Most Successful Pirate Fleet in History," *Military.com*, March 20, 2023. Ching Shih.

The Truth About the Chinese Female Pirate Who Led Thousands

Jesse Gormley, "The Truth About the Chinese Female Pirate Who Led Thousands," *Grunge*, March 26, 2021. Ching Shih and see other pirate stories as you scroll down the page.

Chinese piracy and the prostitute who became the greatest pirate of them all

Alexander Hamer, "Chinese piracy and the prostitute who became the greatest pirate of them all," *Read History*, September 20, 2018.

Larry Feign, "The Flower Boat Girl: A Novel Based on a True Story" (Top Floor Books, 2021)

45:00 podcast. Larry Feign, "*The Flower Boat Girl: A Novel Based on a True Story* (Top Floor Books, 2021)," *New Books Network*, July 1, 2021. Novel based on Cheng Yat Sou, the "wife of Cheng Yat" and her pirate queen adventures based on China's Pearl River delta and South China Sea, 1801-1810.

World Premiere of 'The Flower Boat Girl' by Larry Feign

1:00:45 lecture and question session. "World Premiere of *The Flower Boat Girl* by Larry Feign," Vibe Book & Music Shop, published on *You Tube*, 2021.

"But of Their Own Free-Will and Consent": Anne Bonny, Mary Read, and the Women Pirates in the Early Modern Times

Ryan Schulte, "But of Their Own Free-Will and Consent: Anne Bonney, Mary Read, and the Women Pirates in the Early Modern Times," *Armstrong Undergraduate Journal of History*, Lindenwood University, Vol. 6, Issue 1, Article 2, April 2016, 17-page course paper.

Canada's Pirate Queen

Paul Dalby, "Canada's Pirate Queen," *Canada's History*, January 9, 2016. Maria Cobham the ruthless north Atlantic pirate who with her husband ruled the region from 1720-1740.

Gunpowder Gertie

Carolyn McTaggart, "Pirate Queen of the Kootenays," *Discover Nelson*, Canada, accessed May 28, 2024. Western Canadian female pirate Gertrude Imogene Stubbs, "Gunpowder Gertie," (1879-1912) plied the rivers of western Canada pirating vessels in the early 1900's. Historical legend created by Carolyn McTaggart or fact?

Gunpowder Gertie, Pirate Queen of the Kootenays

24:29 video. Carolyn McTaggart, "Gunpowder Gertie, Pirate Queen of the Kootenays," *Kootenay TV*, 2000. Silver mining boom in British Columbia, Canada saw the Kootenay Lake river system as main transportation arteries moving miners, passengers, silver and river pirates. The "roughest and toughest" pirate was Gertrude Imogene Stubbs, 1879-1912. Myth or fact? See book review below as to Carolyn McTaggart and her "made-up" story of Gunpowder Gertie:

CM Magazine: Real Canadian Pirates: Buccaneers & Rogues of the North

Book review. Thomas Chambers, "*Real Canadian Pirates: Buccaneers & Rogues of the North*," *CM Reviews*, Manitoba, Canada, Vol. XIV, no. 9, December 21, 2007. Review of Geordie Telfer *Real Canadian Pirates*, where he explained Carolyn McTaggart's made-up legend of Gunpowder Gertie, British Columbia female pirate.

10 of the Most Famous Female Pirates in History

Peta Stamper, "10 of the Most Famous Female Pirates in History," *History Hit*, November 24, 2021.

Women of the Sea: Female Pirates since the 1700s

"Women of the Sea: Female Pirates since the late 1700's," by *History Muse*, in *Medium*, January 3, 2018. See colonial American, Swedish, Australian, Canadian, and Chinese female pirates.

Women Plundered and Swashbuckled With the Best (and Worst) of Them

Sarah Durn, "Women Plundered and Swashbuckled With the Best (and Worst) of Them," *Atlas Obscura*, January 9, 2022.

Women at the Helm: Rewriting Maritime History through Female Pirate Identity and Agency

Wendy Vencel, "Women at the Helm: Rewriting Maritime History through Female Pirate identity and Agency," Undergraduate Honors Thesis Collection 452, Digital Commons @ Butler University Library, 2018, 42 pages. Atlantic-based Golden Age of Piracy, 1650-1720.

The Swashbuckling History of Women Pirates

Interview. Lorraine Boissoneault with Laura Sook Duncombe, "The Swashbuckling History of Women Pirates," *Smithsonian Magazine*, April 12, 2017. Interview with Laura Sook Duncombe about her history, *Pirate Women: Princesses, Prostitutes, and Privateers Who Ruled the Seven Seas*, 2017.

The Notorious Women of the Killigrew Family

"The Notorious Women of the Killigrew Family," *The Cornish Bird blog*, accessed March 31, 2024. The three Killigrew wives who were also Cornwall pirates

'Lady Mary Killigrew' by Out of the Blue (Pirate Queens Music)

4:11 Song. "Lady Mary Killigrew by Out of the Blue (Pirate Queens Music), published on *You Tube*, 2013.

5 Notorious Female Pirates

Evan Andrews, "5 Notorious Female Pirates," *History*, updated August 10, 2023.

Women in piracy

"Women in piracy," *Wikipedia*, accessed April 10, 2024. Euro-centric.

The Pirate Next Door: Wives, Families and Communities in the 'Golden Age' of Piracy

Daphne Geanakopulos, "The Pirate Next Door: Wives, Families and Communities in the 'Golden Age' of Piracy," *Port Towns and Urban Cultures*, UK, March 16, 2017.

Inquiring Minds: Setting the Record Straight on Pirates and Their Wives

Interview. Wendi Maloney with Daphne Palmer Geanakopulos, "Inquiring Minds: Setting the Record Straight on Pirates and Their Wives," *Library of Congress Blogs*, June 1, 2017. Interview with historian Daphne Palmer Geanakopulos, *The Pirate Next Door: The Untold Story of Eighteenth-Century Pirate's Wives, Families and Communities*, 2017.

Women pirates were just as ruthless and cunning as the men

Larry Gellen, "Women pirates were just as ruthless and cunning as the men," *The NY Post*, April 8, 2017, updated July 6, 2018. Noted women pirates in world history.

Pirate Mystery: the story of Charlotte Badger

40:42 podcast and article. William Ray with historians Jennifer Ashton and Kate Martin, "Pirate Mystery: the story of Charlotte Badger," *RNZ*, New Zealand, *Black Sheep podcast*, March 19, 2018. Charlotte Badger, born in 1778 England, shipped to New Zealand for a minor crime, and was reported as a pirate.

Anne Bonny: History's Most Infamous Female Pirate

14:39 video. Karl Smallwood, "Anne Bonny: History's Most Infamous Female Pirate," *Biographics*, in *MSN.com*, January 9, 2024. Caribbean female pirate, Ann Bonny, involved in piracy until captured in Jamaica in 1720.

Bing Videos - The Legend of Anne Bonny

1:13:50 video documentary. "The Legend of Anne Bonny," *Debunk File*, published on *You Tube*, November 29, 2020. Documentary claimed Bonny had only a 2-month pirate career.

Anne Bonny

"Anne Bonny," *Wikipedia*, accessed June 22, 2024.

Women: 1900–Present

High Sea Heroines: China Sea Pirates of the 19th & 20th Centuries

Judi Heit, "High Sea Heroines: China Sea Pirates of the 19th & 20th Centuries," *High Sea Heroines blog*, June 10, 2011. Look to right of page for more female pirates' resources.

The Portraits of a Heroine: Huang Bamei and the Politics of Wartime History in China and Taiwan, 1930–1960

Weiting Guo, "The Portraits of a Heroine: Huang Bamei and the Politics of Wartime History in China and Taiwan, 1930-1960," *Cross-Currents: East Asian History and Culture Review*, Vol. 9, no. 1, May 2020, 7-39. Huang Pei-mei or Huang Bamei was a Shanghai, Chinese female pirate and guerrilla leader, 1906-1982.

Lesson Plans

Was the Boston Port Act Justified?

Lesson. "Was the Boston Port Act Justified? *Bill of Rights Institute*, April 2024. Boston Tea Party occurred in December 1773 followed by the British Parliament passing the Boston Port Act, March 31, 1773. Parliament viewed the Boston attack as an act of piracy.

Atlantic Piracy in Global Perspective, c. 1500-1750

NEW Lesson modules. Molly A. Warsh, "Atlantic Piracy in Global Perspective, c. 1500-1750," H21, *History for the 21st Century*, published by Minimalist blog, 2024. See more lessons from this site, below.

Looking for Pirates and Finding Treasure in the Carolina Outer Banks

Molly Macrae, "Looking for Pirates and Finding Treasure in the Carolina Outer Banks," *Crime Reads*, July 3, 2024.

The Many Myths of the Boston Tea Party

Meilan Solly, "The Many Myths of the Boston Tea Party," History, *Smithsonian Magazine*, December 15, 2023. Note George Washington and Benjamin Franklin condemned the "Tea Party."

CSR - Lesson Plan: Pirates of the Carolinas

Lesson Plan. Lara Wilcox, "Pirates of the Carolinas," University of North Carolina, accessed April 27, 2024. Note lesson is labeled as 4th grade level, but primary source evaluation can be used for upper levels.

Pirates of North Carolina - Teachers

Lesson Plan. "Pirates of North Carolina," *US National Park Service*, accessed May 2, 2024. Note lesson focused on Atlantic coast and Blackbeard.

Lesson Activities: Pirates, Pieces of Eight, and Pacific Nights

Lesson activities. Anthony F. Franco, "Pirates, Pieces of Eight, and Pacific Nights," Yale-New Haven Teachers Institute, 1981, 12 pages. Four teaching activities using literature primary sources with piracy themes.

Assignment - HIST 2700: History of Pirates and Piracy

Assignment: History 2700: History of Pirates and Piracy," Library Guides at University of Missouri Libraries, updated June 28, 2023.

13 Facts About Pirates They Didn't Teach At School

Andrea Meno, "13 Facts About Pirates They Didn't Teach At School," *Cracked*, December 2023. Slide share of 15 slides on Pirate history which can be used as a historical background lesson.

Pirates, States, and Diplomacy in a Multipolar Maritime Asia

Classroom Simulation Lesson. Adam Clulow and Xing Hang, "Pirates, States, and Diplomacy in a Multipolar Maritime Asia," *Maritime Asia - War and Trade, Asia for Educators*, accessed April 30, 2024. Classroom simulation for 2nd half of the 17th century. See entire collection of resources for Ming and Qing dynasties in *Asia for Educators*, below, which can be used as supplemental historical context for this simulation lesson.

Teaching Resources. Ming (1368-1644) and Qing (1644-1912)

Teaching Resources. Ming (1368-1644) and Qing (1644-1912) Teaching resources, *Asia for Educators*, accessed April 30, 2024.

Trial of a Pirate Queen

Lesson Plan. Dr. Kitty Lam, "Trial of a Pirate Queen," *Pirates: Past and Present, IMSA, Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy*, March 3, 2017. See lesson download link and power point.

Exploring Pirates in World History

Home School lesson. Nicki Truesdell, "Exploring Pirates in World History," Home school educator resources for teaching pirates in world history, 1600's-1700's. See more information on Christian home school educator and her website/blog: [Nicki Truesdell - Homeschooling and Christian Parenting](#)

Piracy in the Indian Ocean: Illicit Economy of the Sea

Lesson plan. Marielle Geerling, "Piracy in the Indian Ocean: Illicit Economy of the Sea," *Indian Ocean in World History website*, Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center, October 19, 2018.

Lesson Plan - Am I a Pirate?

Lesson Plan. Megan Penner, "Am I A Pirate," Online Piracy Education, EDUB 1990, accessed April 25, 2024. Teaching Youth about Piracy in the Classroom, grade level: 9-12, 60 minutes. Lesson could be updated to reflect AI and ChatGPT. See supplement below:

Supplement:

Is it piracy? How students access academic resources

Laura Czerniewicz, "Is it piracy? How students access academic resources," *The Conversation*, March 16, 2016.

R. Buckminster Fuller's "Great Pirates:" An investigation into Narrative Analysis in World History Courses

Kent den Heyer, "R. Buckminster Fuller's 'Great Pirates:' An Investigation into Narrative Analysis in World History Courses," *World History Connected*, Vol. 3, no. 1, October 2005. Dr. den Heyer discussed two concerns with world history instruction and how to utilize narrative analysis in world history classrooms.

The Great Pirates

Flemming Funch, "The Great Pirates," *worldtrans.org*, December 7, 1994. Funch described R. Buckminster Fuller's 'Great Pirates' theory.

Teaching Syllabi

Golden Age of Piracy

Syllabus. Mark Hanna, "The Golden Age of Piracy," University of California, San Diego, Winter 2015. See updated syllabus, below:

Syllabus for HIUS 133 "The Golden Age of Piracy"

Syllabus. Mark G. Hanna, "Syllabus for HIUS 133, The Golden Age of Piracy," University of California, San Diego, 2022.

Syllabus - Piracy in the Atlantic World

Syllabus. Christopher P. Magra, "Piracy in the Atlantic World," University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Pirates & Piracy on the World's Seas and in the Public Imagination

Syllabus. Mike Dove, "Pirates & Piracy on the World's Seas and in the Public Imagination," University of Western Ontario, Canada, Winter 2021 (online), draft. See 2018 syllabus: [2188A.Dove.pdf \(uwo.ca\)](#)

Pirates & Power: A Global History

Syllabus. Max Deardorff, "Pirates & Power: A Global History," University of Florida, Spring 2021.

Pirates & Piracy: A Global History

Syllabus. Matthew Blake Strickland, "Pirates & Piracy: A Global History," University of Florida, Spring 2024.

Pirates: A Global History

Syllabus. Johan Mathew, "Piracy: A Global History," Rutgers University, New Brunswick, Fall 2020. Asynchronous Online Course.

Historical Perspectives on Piracy

Syllabus. Joshua Smith, "Historical Perspectives on Piracy," US Merchant Marine Academy, 2013-2014, 7 pages, uploaded to Academia by Joshua Smith. See 2015-2016 updated syllabus: [Pirates in World History Syllabus](#)

Pirates and Piracy - HIST 319B The Black Atlantic World

Syllabus. Scott Hussey, "Pirates and Piracy," Anthropology 3930, University of Florida, Spring 2014.

Syllabus for HIST3378: Pirates, Planters, and Freedom Fighters

Syllabus. John Garrigus, "Syllabus for HIST3378: Pirates, Planters, and Freedom Fighters," University of Texas at Arlington, August 17, 2022. See update below:

Syllabus for HIST3378 (2024): Pirates, Planters, and Freedom Fighters

Syllabus. John Garrigus, "Pirates, Planters, and Freedom Fighters," University of Texas at Arlington, 2024.

Global History of Piracy

Course description. Marcus Rediker, "Global History of Piracy," University of Pittsburgh, accessed April 27, 2024. Note Dr. Rediker used one source, along with many supplemental resources, primary sources, Phillip Gosse, *The History of Piracy* (1932).

Course Module - Piracy in World History

Course module. GRC20240, "Piracy in World History," University College Dublin, Ireland, 2023/2024, instructor Philip De Souza.

Atlantic History (Graduate)

Course description. Marcus Rediker, "Atlantic History (Graduate)," University of Pittsburgh, accessed April 27, 2024. Course designed to place Atlantic history in a global context with focus on the working class. Course would be context for Piracy and Pirates in history.

Pirates and Piracy

Website. Marcus Rediker, "Pirates and Piracy," Marcus Rediker website, accessed April 27, 2024. See video lectures, resources on piracy and pirates in the Caribbean and Atlantic.

In focus: Piracy and Privateering in the British Isles, 1560–1816

Syllabus. Dr. Elaine Murphy, "In focus: Piracy and Privateering in the British Isles, 1560-1816," University of Plymouth, accessed May 17, 2024.

Caribbean Piracy in History and Popular Culture

Syllabus. Juan Jose Ponce Vazquez, "Caribbean Piracy in History and Popular Culture," accessed April 25, 2024. See Board games utilized in this course by Vazquez. See more Juan Jose Ponce Vazquez resources relating to piracy: [Juan José Ponce Vázquez | The University of Alabama - Academia.edu](#)

All Regions and Eras

Digital Resources for Port Cities in World History

"Digital Resources for Port Cities in World History," *World History Connected*, Vol. 13, no. 1, February 2016. Historical context for Pirate database.

Piracy in the Ancient World: from Minos to Mohammed

Philip Charles de Souza, "Piracy in the Ancient World: from Minos to Mohammed," PhD Thesis in *History of the Ancient World*, December 9, 2011. PhD Thesis, History, University College London, 1992, 419 pages.

Piracy in the Graeco-Roman World

Book review. Kathryn Simonson, "Piracy in the Graeco-Roman World," *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, October 30, 2000. Review of Philip Charles de Souza, *Piracy in the Graeco-Roman World*, 1999.

Mythology and Folklore UN-Textbook: Greek Legend: Alexander and the Pirate

"Mythology and Folklore UN-Textbook: Greek Legend: Alexander and the Pirate," *Myth Folklore blog*, Who's the pirate and who's the emperor?

Full article: The new pirate wars: the world market as imperial formation

Amedeo Policante, "Full article: The new pirate wars: the world market as imperial formation," *Global Discourse, An Interdisciplinary Journal of Current Affairs*, published online June 21, 2013, 52-71. Context included as to how European Imperialism as a positive good for "law and order" was a rationale for those states to fight piracy globally. Note "failed state theory" and "insufficient international aid" are discounted in this historiographic argument.

Bing Videos - The History of Piracy - Summary on a Map

20:10 Video. "The History of Piracy - Summary on a Map," *Geo History*, published on *You Tube*, April 30, 2023. From 14th-century BCE People of the Seas to 2020.

History of Piracy: An Extensive Chronology of Sea Bandits

Website. "History of Piracy: An Extensive Chronology of Sea Bandits," *Pirates! Fact and Legend*, accessed June 26, 2024. Pirates and piracy from Ancient Times to present.

Piracy and America: Navigating a Complex Relationship

Mike Walser, "Piracy and America: Navigating a Complex Relationship," *Pirates! Fact and Legend*, accessed June 26, 2024. See more piracy articles to right of this page. World-wide piracy.

Real Pirates - Facts about Real and Fictional Pirates

"Facts about Real and Fictional Pirates," *The Way of the Pirates*, 2024. Articles on pirate history from ancient times to present. See tabs at top of page for more pirate resources.

History of Piracy List

"History of Piracy List," *The Way of the Pirates*, 2024. See concise articles on piracy from ancient times to present.

Evolution Of Piracy At Sea: Pirates In Maritime

"Evolution of Piracy At Sea: Pirates in Maritime," *Maritime Page*, updated November 10, 2023.

Table of Contents: Bandits at sea: Library Catalog Search

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