Grace The Pirate- Reading Activities

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Predicting

Before reading this book look at the front cover and the illustrations. Also read the blurb on the back and scan read through your book. Discuss with your group what you think this book will be about.

Think of questions such as Who is Grace? What kind of story is this? When is the story set?

Chapter 1 & 2

1. What did the author think that pirate captains weren’t frightened of?
2. What is Grace the Pirates real name?
3. What is the name of the author’s pirate ship?
4. What happened to the crew on the ship they took over?

Follow Up Task

Create your own character profile of a pirate. Draw your pirate character; consider a Pirate name for your character; his favourite pirate saying; favourite type of treasure; best pirate skills; worst habits and most memorable pirate adventure.

Chapter 3

1. What words does he author use to describe the storm?
2. Describe some of the things Grace did to save the ship in the storm?
3. What did the Pirate Captain Cutthroat decide what to do with Grace?
4. What words did Grace shout to the pirates ?

Follow Up Task

Choose one of the following connections to write about in your jotter.

1. Self to text connection. You could consider a time where you had to pretend you were a different type of person or when you had to pretend to believe in something else that you didn’t really believe in.
2. Text to text connection. Think of a similar type of book you have read and write about the connections yiu can make between each of the texts.
3. Text to world connections. You can try and make connections with events in this story to events that have happened in the world.

Chapter 4

1. What on page 21 tells you that the author knew Grace?

2. What food did Grace find on the island to feed herself with?

3. Describe how Grace made herself a shelter to live in.

4. What ‘company’ did Grace find on the island?

5. What use would Grace have for a goat?

6. What did Grace use as a hook in her fishing line to catch a fish?

7. How did Grace manage to gather fresh water?

Follow Up Task

\*Imagine you are stranded on a desert island and you think you are not going to escape and be stuck there for a long time. Write a diary entry, describing how you have managed to survive and adapt to living there.( You could describe perhaps how lonely you feel and how you may miss home)

Chapter 5

1. What did Grace find that told her she was not the first human on the island?
2. How did ‘the skeleton’ happen to be on the island?
3. What did Grace find with the skeleton?
4. Why did Grace think of Ben’s lonely fate?

Follow Up Task

Design your own pirate treasure map.

Chapter 6

1. How many days had passed when Grace spotted a sailing ship?
2. Why was Grace not pleased to see this particular ship?
3. Describe why the pirate ship had returned to the island.
4. What did they want Grace for?
5. What did Grace rename the ship?
6. How did she change the ship’s flag?
7. After robbing rich ships, what did Grace say they were going to do with the ‘booty’?

Follow Up Task

\*Create a poster advertising this book for people to buy. Consider using large heading, suitable illustrations and bullet points of information why it is a good book to read.

Chapter 7

1. What did Grace order Mister Feltham to do as they approached the large ship?
2. What did Grace order a couple of young sailors to do as they approached the ship?
3. Describe the battle that took place.
4. What things did Grace and her pirates take from the big ship?
5. What happened eventually to the *She Devil* and her crew?

Follow Up Task

Research using ICT, famous female pirates, such as, Grace O’Malley, Anne Bonny and Mary Read. In your jotters write some facts about each of them using bullet points.