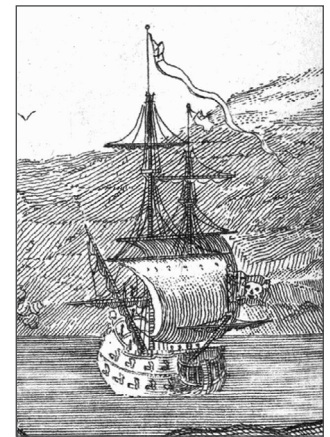


# Blackbeard Facts for Kids

- Real name: Edward Teach, or Edward Thatch
- Born: c. 1680 in Bristol, England
- Died: November 22, 1718, in North Carolina, USA
- Pirated throughout the West Indies and the Eastern Coast of the American Colonies.
- Named "Blackbeard" because of his thick black beard and fearsome appearance. Scared his enemies by tying lit fuses under his hat.

## Career as a Pirate

- Moved to Jamaica and joined the Royal Navy.
- Sailed on privateer ships during Queen Anne's War.
- Joined the crew of Captain Benjamin Hornigold around 1716.
- Captured a French merchant vessel and renamed her *Queen Anne's Revenge*.
- Formed an alliance of pirates and blocked the port of Charleston, South Carolina. Ransomed the inhabitants.
- Ran the *Queen Anne's Revenge* aground near Beaufort, North Carolina.
- Received a royal pardon and settled in Bath Town, North Carolina. Soon, however, went back to sea.



## The Death of Blackbeard

- Governor Alexander Spotswood of Virginia decided to put an end to Blackbeard's pirating.
- Spotswood sent a group of soldiers led by Lieutenant Robert Maynard to capture Blackbeard.
- On November 22, 1718, Maynard's soldiers fought against Blackbeard's crew.
- Blackbeard and several of his crew were killed.
- Blackbeard was shot 5 times, and cut 20 times.
- His head was suspended from the bowsprit of Maynard's ship.

