

In the 1600s and 1700s, merchant ships carried cargo around the world.

They carried silk, cotton, iron, gunpowder, brandy, and wine.

Some carried treasure from South America. Gold and silver and precious jewels.

The merchant ships were not alone on the ocean.

Violent, ruthless criminals sailed the seas in search of treasure.

The merchant ships could be attacked at any time.

Attacked by ...



I cough up rum and water.
Blood trickles from my face.

I force open the chest with
my knife.

Gold and silver.
Precious jewels.

I laugh like a crazy man.



I laugh like a crazy man.

I am rich beyond my
wildest dreams.

But I'm no rich gentleman.
Some would say I'm evil.
A thief. A pirate.

So how did I come to sail
on a pirate ship?

