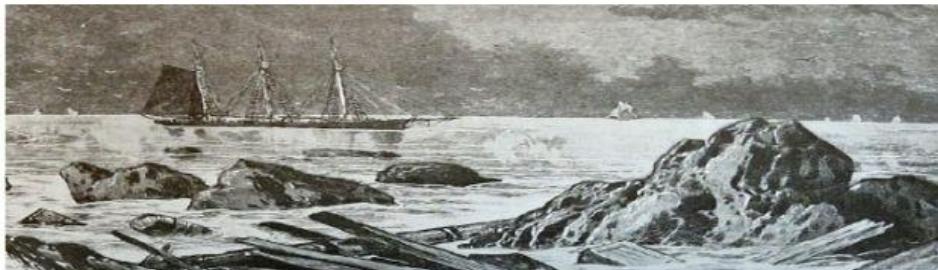Name: Date:

Wrecking in The Bahamas

Wrecking is attracting ships to cays and reefs, and then taking away the goods on board to sell. Wrecking was a big business in The Bahamas in the mid-1600s. Many ships were caught in the tricky currents around these islands and they were swept ashore or into reefs. Sometimes wreckers deliberately attracted ships onto cays and reefs by false lights. Once the ship was wrecked, the goods were taken away and sold. Many people made a living from wrecking.

1. Define the term 'wrecking'. 1pt.

2. During what period in The Bahamas did wrecking take place? 1 pt.

3. How did many ships get wrecked in the Bahamas? Give 2 ways. 2 pts.

4. What was done with the wrecked goods? 1 pt.

5. a. Wrecking was profitable to The Bahamas. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? 1 pt.

b. Give evidence to support your answer to a. 2pts.